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## THE WAR TAX BILL REVISED

BEYOND THE INSERTION OF AN ADDITIONAL CLAUSE MAKING IT CLEAR THAT TAXES WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE YEAR OF ASSESSMENT COMMENCING ON APRIL 1, 1940, AND FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR OF ASSESSMENT IN RESPECT OF THE PROPERTY, INCOME AND PROFITS OF EVERY PERSON FOR THE YEAR PRECEDING THE YEAR OF ASSESSMENT, NO IMPORTANT CHANGE IN THE WAR REVENUE BILL IS RECOMMENDED IN THE REPORT OF THE STANDING LAW COMMITTEE WHICH WAS LAID ON THE TABLE IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THIS AFTERNOON.

The object of the new clause is to remove doubts which have arisen as to the incidence and starting date of the four taxes under the Bill, and it means, in effect, that the figures of property, income and profits for the year 1940-41 will be used as the basis of assessment for two years.

There is a proviso that this clause shall be without prejudice to any provisions of the Ordinance which enact that tax is to be charged in particular cases in respect of property, income and profits for a period other than the year preceding the year of assessment.

### PROFITS

Other amendments recommended are largely for the purpose of clarification. The further definition, for instance, is included that "profits made from transactions in the Colony" means the whole profits except such portion thereof as is properly attributable to the transaction of an office situated outside the Colony.

Amendments to the definition of "owner" are designed to make provision for those cases where land and the improvements thereon (buildings) are separately owned.

### SALARIES

Leave pay is added to the list of items affected by salaries tax, to make it clear that leave pay is equally taxable.

A further paragraph is inserted into the Clauses dealing with Salaries Tax, as follows:

(iv) in the case of a married woman no allowance shall be made for a child in respect of whom such allowance has been made in favour of her husband.

This will prevent the allowance being claimed twice in respect of the same child, and implies that for purpose of taxation, where both are earning, a husband's salary and wife's salary will be separately taxed.

### PROPERTY

Another amendment makes it quite clear that, in the first place, a tenant paying rates will also be required to pay the property tax, but the payment will be regarded as a debt due from the owner and may be deducted from the rent.

The quorum for a meeting of the Board of Review is raised from two members to three members, to cover cases where the chairman has a second or casting vote.

A new subsection is inserted permitting appeal on a question of law from the decision of the Supreme Court to the Full Court of Privy Council.

**WINDY FORECAST**—North-east winds from 10 to 20 m.p.h.

## ITALIAN MID-AIR COLLISION

(Special to "China Mail")  
Rome, To-day.

Two Italian air force pilots were killed when their pursuit planes collided in mid-air over Trieste yesterday.—Havas.

## FRENCH FOLLOW THE LEAD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Chamber of Deputies yesterday voted a bill providing the creation of an Exports Council, with the object of increasing exports.

The new bureau will keep in permanent contact with various industries in order to follow the evolution of production and to decide measures able to enlarge present exports or create new markets.

It will also establish a connection between Ministries directly interested in exports.

M. Louis Rollin, the Trade Minister, explained that exports are a vital factor for France both in war and peace, as they provide the country with foreign currencies, and will be as much indispensable after the war.—Havas.

## THE ZOLA CENTENARY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE CENTENARY OF THE FAMOUS WRITER, EMILE ZOLA, WAS CELEBRATED YESTERDAY IN A SIMPLE BUT MOVING CEREMONY AT THE PANTHEON, IN WHICH MANY GREAT FRENCHMEN ARE BURIED.

The ceremony was presided over by M. Edouard Herriot, president of the Chamber, while the Minister of Education, M. Albert Sarraut, also attended.

Zola was the founder of the "naturalistic school" and played a prominent part in the Dreyfus trials at the end of the last century.—Havas.

### ANATOLIA QUAKES

ANKARA, To-day.

Earthquake shocks in North Anatolia, east of Ankara, some 40 miles away, are being recorded owing to lack of rain.

## SOVIET'S OFFER TO BRITAIN

# DECISION DEFERRED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

IT IS RELIABLY LEARNED that during his talk with the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, on March 27, the Soviet Ambassador, Ivan Maisky, suggested the re-opening of the Anglo-Soviet trade negotiations.

Aim would be, firstly, the restoration of normal trade and, secondly, the conclusion of an agreement providing that Soviet exports to Germany not exceed pre-war figures.

It is understood the Soviet offer was discussed at the recent meeting of the Supreme War Council which apparently failed to reach a decision.

It is expected that Britain will reply to the Soviet within a fortnight.

Meanwhile, British experts are studying the question from different angles.

Main point to be solved is whether Soviet exports to Germany may be more easily reduced through negotiations or through blockade.

The decision will depend on political and military considerations and will be taken following Anglo-French consultations.

General opinion is that Britain is unlikely to agree to the Soviet proposal.—Havas.

French declaration of March 28 announcing the two countries' determination not to conclude a separate armistice or peace.—Havas.

## M.P.S TO VISIT PARIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE FRANCO-BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, AT ITS MONTHLY MEETING YESTERDAY, DECIDED TO INVITE A DELEGATION OF BRITISH M.P.S TO COME TO PARIS NEXT MONTH.

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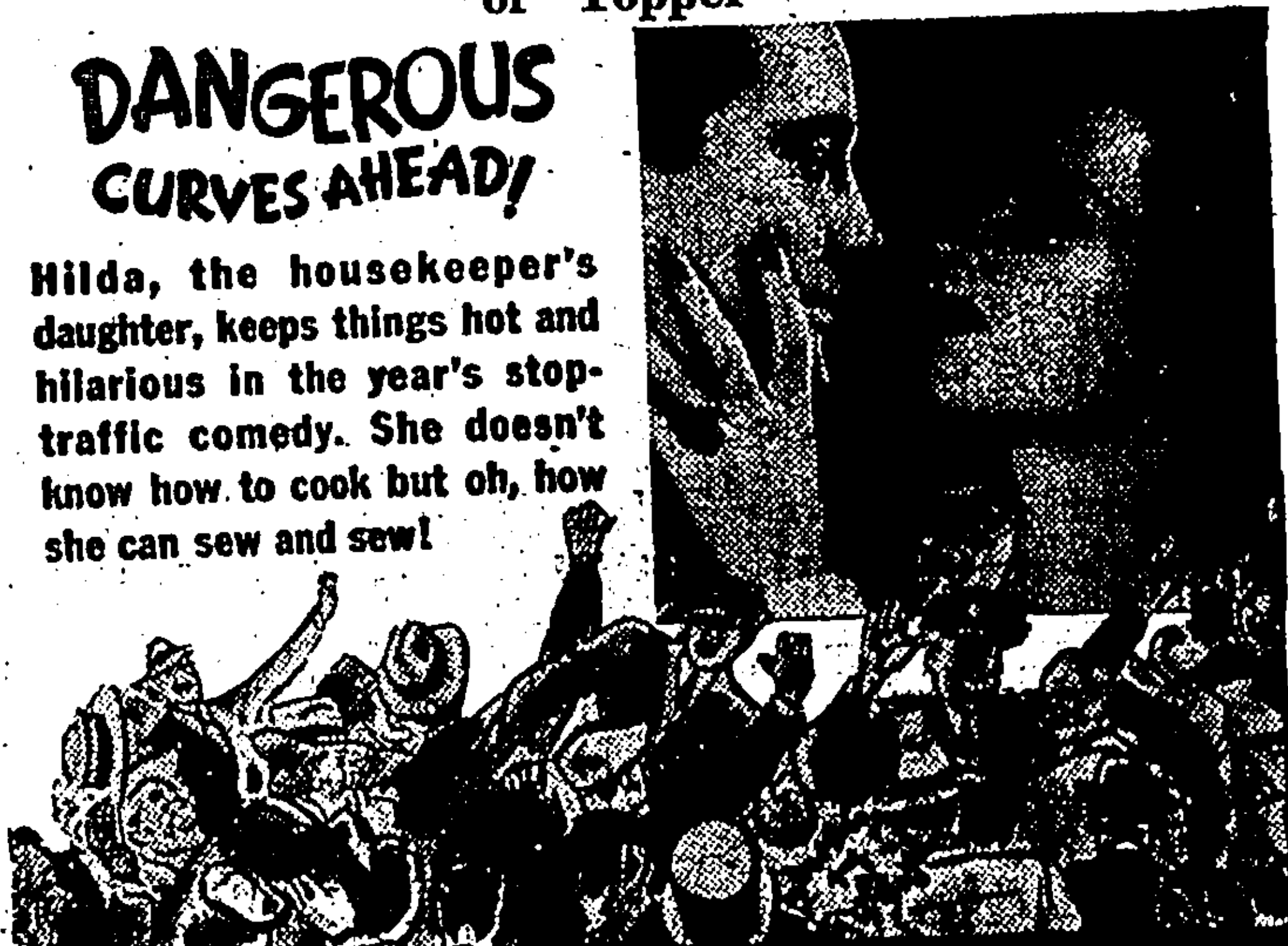
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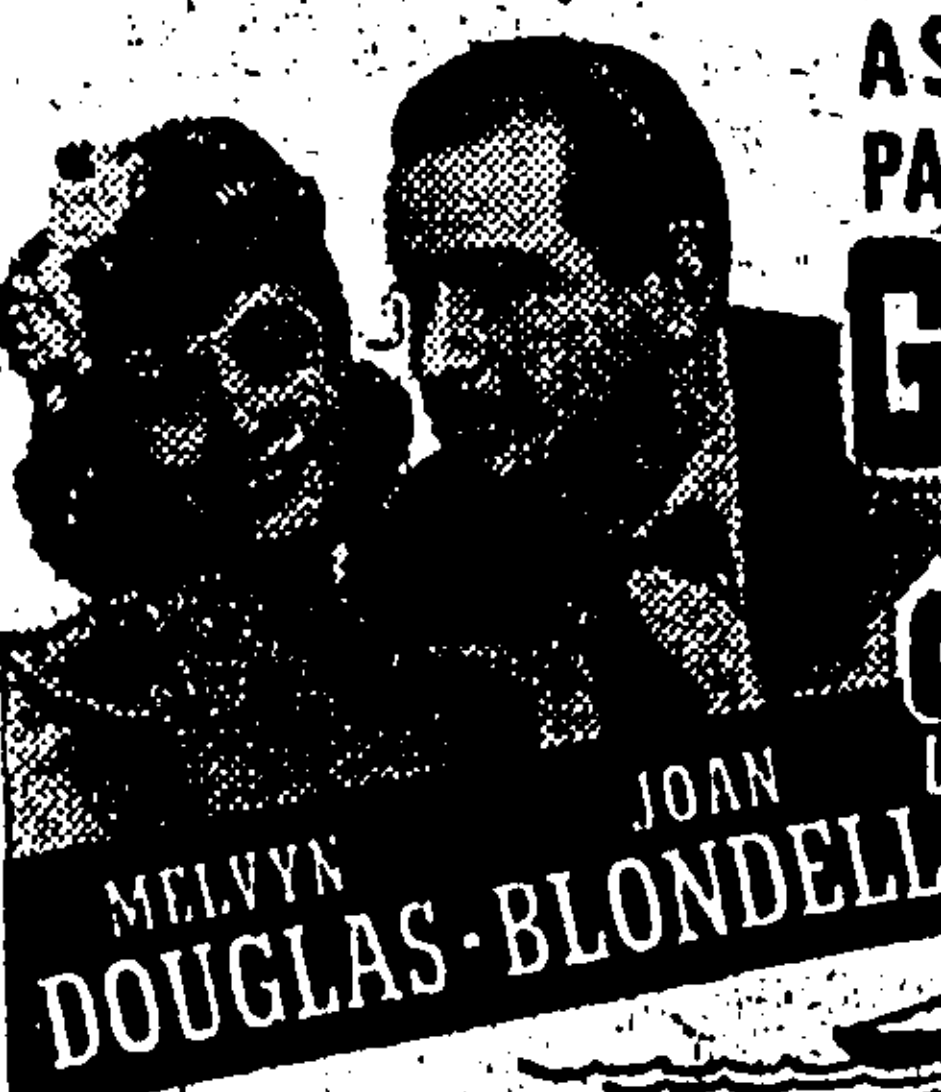
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# JAPAN AND ALLIED BLOCKADE IN PACIFIC

London, To-day.

IN CONNECTION WITH statements made by a  
Japanese spokesman about Allied blockade  
measures in the Pacific, it is learned here that in  
the course of informal talks, Japan expressed  
the hope that we should avoid taking naval ac-  
tion in Japanese waters.

It is pointed out here that we do not intend to take  
any illegal action, and as far as possible regard  
will be paid to the susceptibilities of the Japan-  
ese.

Nevertheless, Britain cannot forego  
her legal rights as a belligerent and  
these will be exercised to the full  
when such a course is necessary.

The suggestion that British naval  
action should be kept away from  
Japanese waters was made when  
the Asama Maru was stopped. No  
representations were made in writ-  
ing, and they have been quite in-  
formal.

Official London circles refute  
rumours of anything like a blockade  
of Vladivostok. It is true, however,  
that attempts to carry contraband in  
neutral ships may result in such ships  
being stopped.—Reuter.

## MELTING DOWN THE GREAT I AM

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

BUSTS AND HEADS OF HITLER  
ARE INCLUDED AMONG OBJECTS  
BEING HANDED OVER FOR THE  
METAL COLLECTION.

The Nazi authorities are also receiv-  
ing effigies of the ex-Kaiser, Beetho-  
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have been surrendered. Some 100,000  
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MATINEE SUNDAY EVENING



## EXPLANATION SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN NEEDED

London, To-day.

AN EDITORIAL IN THE "Manchester Guardian" says: "Lord Halifax has announced in Parliament that this country continues to recognise the Chungking Government as the legitimate ruler of China and that we have not in any way changed our general policy.

"It is, however, most unfortunate that we should have to make such explanations.

"Why should we be under humiliating suspicion, whether in the United States or elsewhere, of changing or in any way abating our policy which, like that of the United States itself, rests, or should rest, on observance of the Nine-Power Treaty, assuring justice and freedom to China?

"It is necessary to remember, especially at a time when Japan is seeking to attain her ends by diplomatic manoeuvres, that questions of principle are here involved on which we cannot and must not fall short, or even be thought to do so." — Reuter.

## CRAIGIE SPEECH SEEN IN PERSPECTIVE

New York, To-day.

The "New York Times," shows a favourable reaction to the House of Commons statement on the Nanking regime.

It says: "The British Government now stands with the American in refusing to recognise Wang. Any other decision is inconceivable when the British are fighting to end aggression in Europe.

"The Ambassador's speech is now in the proper perspective. It was probably intended to soften the blow of British non-recognition of Nanking.

"It was also a rather wistful confession that Britain would like to be friendly with Japan." — Reuter.

## ALL DOUBTS DISPELLED

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

THE "DAGENS NYHETER" REFERS TO MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH AS DISPELLING ALL PREVIOUS DOUBTS AS TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DEMOCRACIES AGAINST THE TOTALITARIAN STATES.

The paper stresses the strength of M. Reynaud's Government and the determined co-operation of the French and British Governments to take the initiative.—Reuter.

## NAVAL MAN CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

Kenneth Duncan Bruce, 25-year-old native of Glasgow, attached to H.M.S. Moreton Bay, was charged this morning at the Central Magistracy with the slaughter of a Chinese, Lam Shing-chi.

The charge resulted from an accident in Hennessy Road yesterday when Bruce, while driving car No. 2988, knocked down Lam who succumbed to his injuries.

Traffic Inspector Saunders applied for a week's remand which was granted. Bruce was released in naval custody.

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## PUBLIC OPINION

## TOO STRONG FOR HITLER!

Berlin, To-day.

Hitler's grandiose old age pensions scheme, announced with a great flourish of trumpets in the press in February, is not to be introduced until after the war, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung."

This means the plan to use new pension contributions which were to have been levied on all insured persons over the age of 16 for State financing, has been abandoned owing to the public reaction.

The correspondent adds the idea of instituting forced savings likewise appears to have been abandoned. — Reuter.

## PEERAGE FOR MAJOR TRYON

London, To-day.

A Peerage has been conferred on Major G. C. Tryon, former Postmaster-General who became Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in the Cabinet re-shuffle.

Lord Woolton, the new Minister of Food, is appointed a Privy Councillor. — Reuter.

Lord Woolton, who was raised to the Peerage last year, is better known as Sir Frederick Marquis, head of the Lewis chain stores and Pryce, Jones, Ltd.

He is a business man with many directorates.

In the past he has served on several Government Committees, including the Cadman Committee on Civil Aviation and the Lord Privy Seal's Committee to enquire into the need for deep shelters.

## SECRET SESSION NEXT WEEK

London, To-day.

A secret session of the House of Commons is to be held next Thursday to discuss economic warfare.

The Prime Minister made this announcement yesterday afternoon, in reply to a question by Mr. Attlee, leader of the Labour Opposition, who pointed out the difficulty of discussing the conduct of the economic war in public.

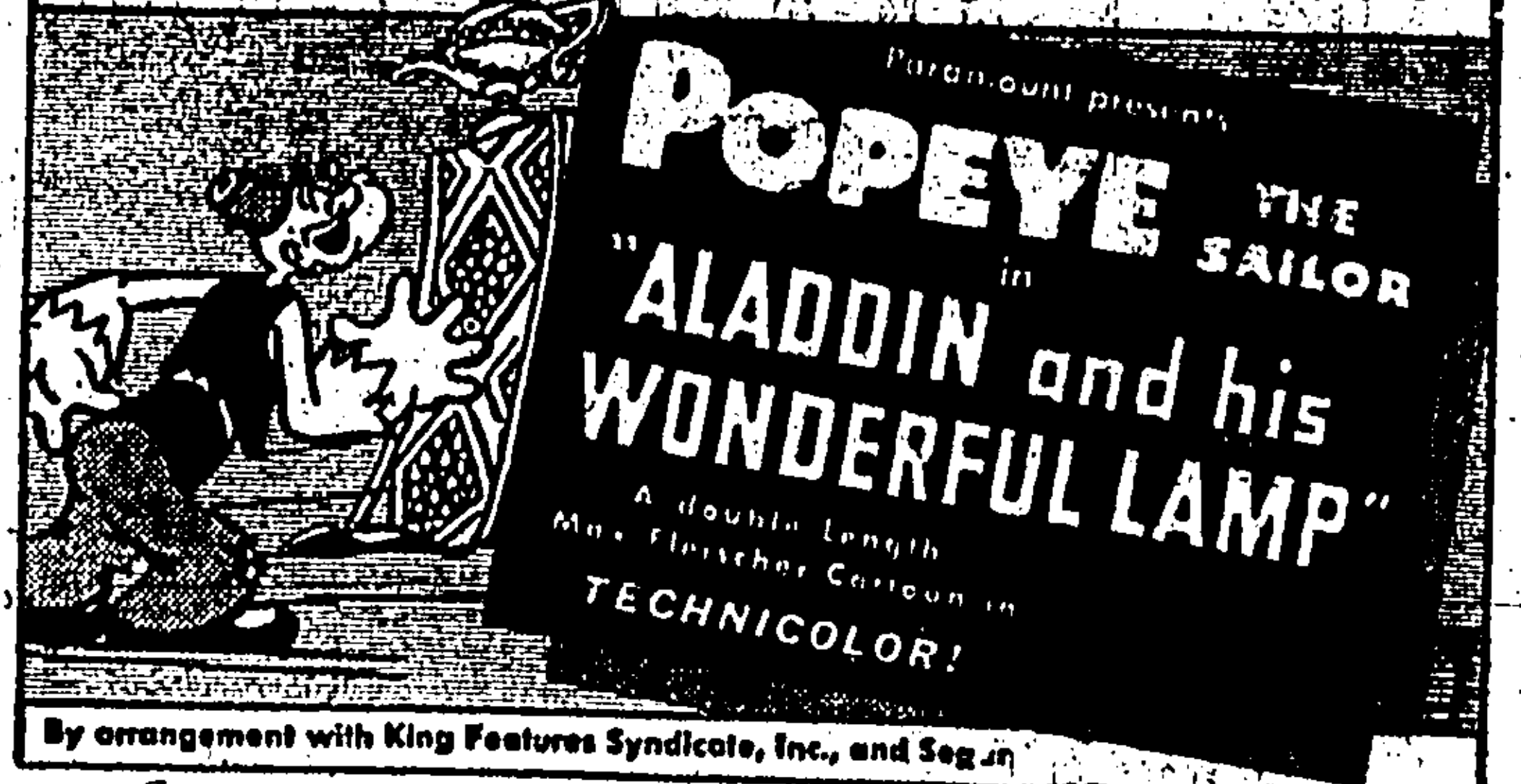
Mr. Chamberlain quite agreed that the subject was one of great importance and one which might prove difficult to debate in public. He would be very glad to make the necessary arrangements for a secret session. — Reuter.

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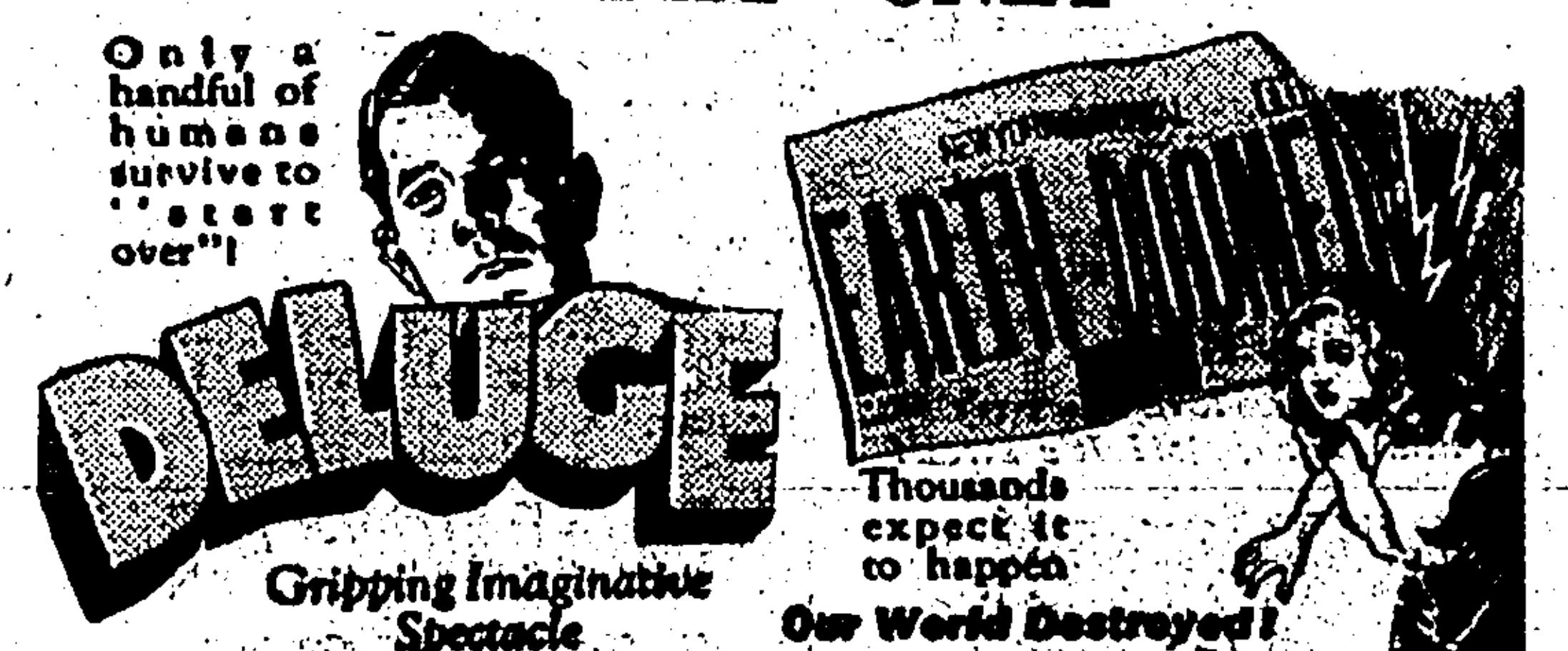
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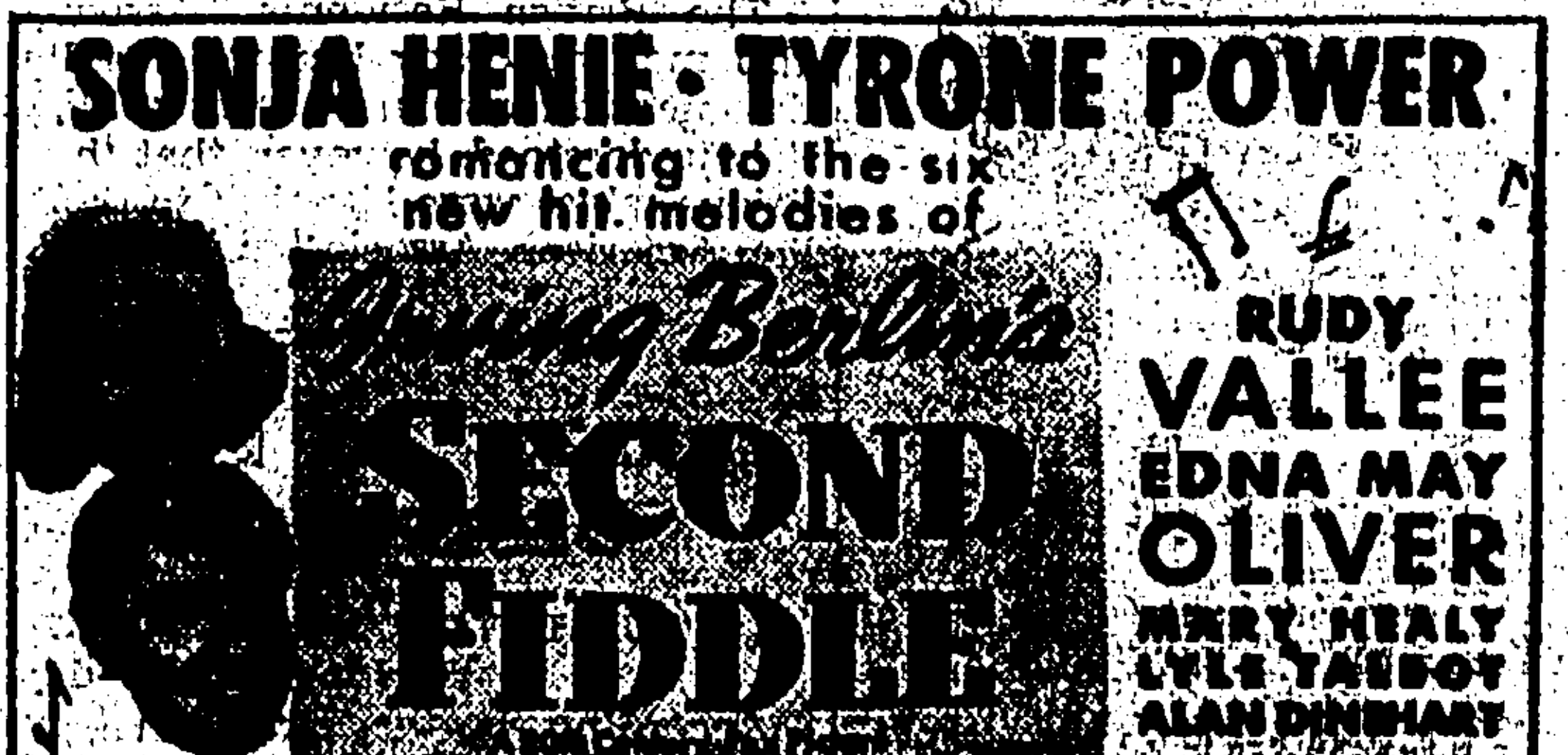
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# China To Put Twelve Million Men Into Field TO RESIST TO THE BITTER END: QUO SPEECH

LONDON, TO-DAY.

CHINA'S DETERMINATION TO RESIST TO THE BITTER END WAS REITERATED BY MR. QUO TAI-CHI, THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR, SPEAKING AT A MEETING OF THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION YESTERDAY.

Mr. Quo declared England and China were at present engaged on a life and death struggle in Europe and Asia for ideals and principles which alone make life worth living.

"China hasn't any war aims, only peace. The war with Japan was forced on us.

"Determined as China is to preserve her integrity she is no less determined to encourage and participate in to the utmost a federation of international life that can be made practicable by goodwill enlightened by self-abnegation."

Mr. Quo Tai-chi stressed Japan's dependence on the United States for war material, and declared his confidence that Washington will bring about a stoppage of metal and oil without which Japan will be powerless to continue the war. He repudiated the Wang Ching-wei government, which, he said, would turn out to be not an ace or trump

card but only the joker.—Reuter.

## "PEACE OF GRAVEYARD"

Havas quoted Mr. Quo Tai-chi as describing the Japanese peace as "the peace of the graveyard." He said that if Britain and America stopped supplying Japan with essential materials, Japan would be unable to pursue the war more than six months or a year at most.

4,000,000 READY; 8,000,000 MORE IN TRAINING

China will be able to put 12,000,000 troops in the field for a great counter-offensive "when the opportune moment arrives," authoritative Chinese quarters said yesterday.

It was stated that 4,000,000 men already under arms will be reinforced by 8,000,000 now training and who are expected to be ready for action in a year.

It is estimated that Japan has about 1,000,000 men at present in China.—Reuter.

## SHANGHAI ELECTION CAMPAIGN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN VOTING RESIDENTS HAS LAUNCHED AN INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN PREPARATORY TO THE ELECTIONS FOR THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NEXT WEEK.

Americans must vote for the seven "official" candidates—two Americans and five British.

Americans must completely refrain from voting for Japanese candidates, as was done in 1936, when the Japanese put up three candidates.

The British Residents Association also met yesterday but the results of the meeting have not been published. It is understood, however, that the decisions taken were identical to those of the American Association.—Havas.

## BRAZIL TO BUILD DESTROYERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Washington, To-day.

According to the Brazilian naval attaché Brazil has bought a considerable quantity of steel for the construction of 12 destroyers.

The construction will take place in Rio de Janeiro with the aid of American technicians. The new destroyers will be of the American type, displacing 1,300 tons.—Havas.

## CANADA'S SECOND DIVISION

Ottawa, To-day.

It is announced that Brigadier-General Victor Wentworth-Odlum has been chosen to command the 2nd Division of the Canadian Active Service Force.—Reuter.

## LAST NIGHT'S WAR COMMUNIQUE

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communique stated there were local infantry and artillery actions in the region to the east of the Moselle.

There was some activity along the Rhine.—Reuter.

## CHUNGKING AND CRAIGIE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS DECLARATION THAT BRITAIN RECOGNISES ONLY THE CHUNGKING GOVERNMENT AS THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA, IS WELCOMED IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES HERE THOUGH THEY REMARK ON THE INSISTENCE ON A BETTERMENT OF ANGLO-JAPANESE RELATIONS.

The Chinese point of view is that China is fighting for independence and liberty and respect for international law and existing treaties, and therefore the interests of friendly powers are similar to those of China.

Consequently, they say, a short-sighted policy must be discarded.—Havas.

## T'ANG LEANG-LI'S ATTACK ON U.S.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

MR. T'ANG LEANG-LI, the official in charge of Wang Ching-wei's international publicity, yesterday replied to the recent statement by Mr. Cordell Hull, the United States Secretary of State, denying recognition to the Wang Ching-wei regime.

"Mr. Hull's statement is based on misrepresentation and ignorance of solemn promises by Wang Ching-wei and the Japanese pledge to respect foreign rights, and was made in utter disregard of international courtesy and goodwill.

"Mr. Hull convicts Japan by implication of her insincerity, taking an attitude in marked contrast with the more correct and fair-minded behaviour of Britain and France.

"Wang was never submitted to pressure by Japan but was rather subjected to constant threats and intimidation from America's proteges.

"The return of the national government to Nanking did not result in the use of armed force.

"Mr. Hull's statement was dictated by America's interests combined with the necessity of protecting their faithful Chungking servants.

### U.S. ATTITUDE

"The United States maintains the attitude of champion of foreign privileges as she did when she tried to prevent a Sino-British accord for the abolition of concessions and extrajurisdiction.

"Wang has repeatedly asserted that foreign legitimate rights will be respected.

"Japan has promised to consider favourably the abolition of Japanese settlements and extrajurisdiction and help China obtain the surrender of those privileges by other nations.

"Japan has thus adopted the principles of equality, reciprocity and mutual respect.

### OPEN DOOR

"Is the United States prepared to do the same and grant Chinese an open door in the United States, to treat Chinese in America as she wants Americans treated in China?

"Every word of Mr. Hull's statement says 'no,' where Japan has said 'yes.' That is why we are justified in selecting Japan for our friend.

"China has heard enough of fulfilling her obligations. She now expects other nations to fulfil theirs."

### "NOTHING NEW"

Local American quarters are not surprised at Tang's answer to Mr. Cordell Hull; the answer, they say, contains nothing new.

Violent expressions have already been evidenced in editorials in the "Central China Daily News," Wang's paper.

The same quarters see Mr. Tang's reply as confirmation of their opinion that Nanking is concentrating its attacks against the United States in an attempt to produce a cleavage between American policy, on one side, and the Anglo-French attitude, on the other side.—Havas.

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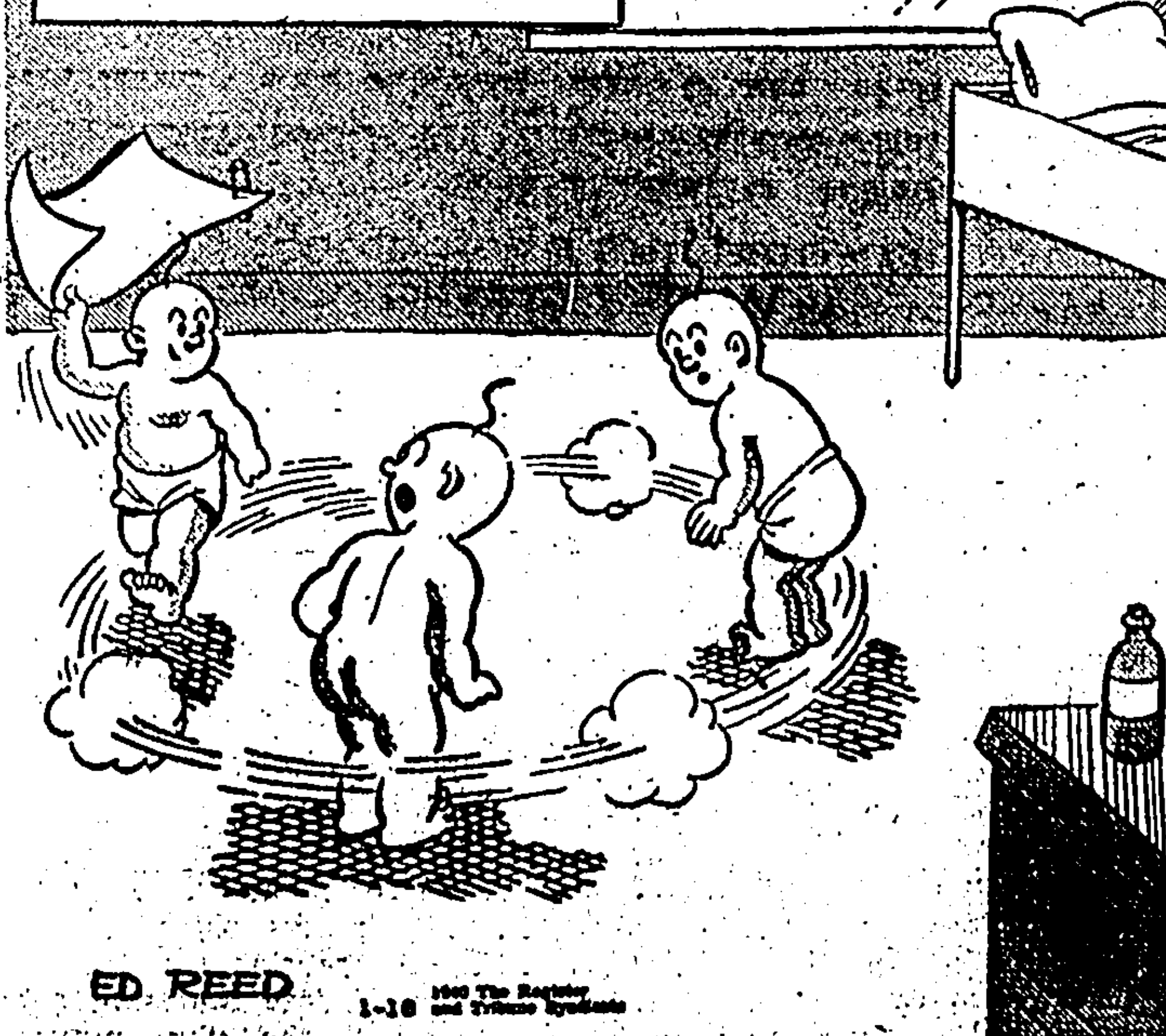


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## NOT NOTE OF NEW DRIVE

London, To-day.

Some parliamentary comments on the Cabinet changes regret that something more has not been done to strike the note of a new drive, while others are prepared to give the changes an opportunity to justify themselves.

The changes, generally, have not caused a stir, much greater interest being displayed in the forthcoming secret session as affording an opportunity for free expression in favour of a more vigorous policy. — Reuter.

## THETIS DISASTER INQUIRY REPORT: ALMOST VICTIM OF "CONSPIRACY"

London, To-day.

The Tribunal which inquired into the loss of the submarine Thetis, with a loss of 99 lives last June, issued its report yesterday.

It is generally unable to assign definite reasons for the disaster, but tabulates six facts, which in sequence, produced the disaster.

Firstly, the complete blocking of the test cock in the rear door of number five torpedo tube with bitumastic enamel.

Secondly, the opening of the rear door of number five tube when the bow cap, was open.

Thirdly, the failure effectively to close the port watertight bulkhead door.

Fourthly, the failure of the crew to refloat the submarine.

Fifthly, the failure of assistance from outside.

Sixthly, the failure of the crew to escape from Thetis.—Reuter.

### SIX FACTS IN SEQUENCE

"The six facts acting in sequence produced the full extent of this disaster" says the report of the Tribunal, which sat under the Presidency of Mr. Justice Bucknill.

The precise moment when the bow cap opened is the critical and most obscure point in the case. The Tribunal expresses the opinion that there is no evidence to show how or why the bow cap opened. Several theories are suggested but the report dismisses these as mere guesswork.

On the failure of those in submarine effectively to close the port water tight door in the bulkhead between the torpedo tube compartment and the torpedo storage compartment, the Report says that the pressure of water would prevent even the most determined man reaching the door after a short time but every effort was made to close it and, indeed, one turncrew was forced home before the water forced the men back.

### CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS

The failure of those outside the Thetis to render effective aid was contributed to by the fact that observers in the tug Grebecock had no sufficient reason for thinking there had been a serious accident and because, when anchored, she was four miles from where the Thetis sank and so was unable to see the smoke candle or the indicator lights or the buoys released from the submarine.

The position of the tug misled H.M.S. Brazen and the s.s. Vigilant and "by some persistent ill-fortune they were misled by a report from an aeroplane of a buoy miles from the actual position of the Thetis."

The Tribunal comes to the conclusion that there was delay in organizing the search for the submarine by sea and air but the delay was not caused by lack of vigilance or attention by the responsible shore staffs. Those ashore, the report adds, had no reason to know the Thetis was unable to use her underwater signalling apparatus and so got in touch with Brazen.

"That was one of the many mischances which almost conspired to

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND PROFITS

London, To-day.

It was stated in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon that the income of the Unemployment Insurance Fund for the year ended December 31st, 1939, exceeded expenditure by £16,601,578 and there was a net balance of £57,555,222 at the end of the year.

Although the state of the Fund was very much better than the Unemployment Insurance Fund Statutory Committee had anticipated, the debt of the Fund was just over £77,000,000 at the same date.

In the Committee's view, it was very probable that there would be severe unemployment after the war and it has recommended that £37,000,000 of the balance be allocated to repayment of debt, thereby freeing from the Fund £1,100,000 yearly, while preserving borrowing powers.

The committee also recommends the increase of the benefit rate from three to four shillings weekly respecting children, and from thirty-three to thirty-five shillings in respect of agricultural contributions.

### LABOUR OBJECTS

The Government has decided to accept the proposals and the Commons was asked to approve.

The Labour Opposition moved an amendment asking for the application of the balance to increased benefits and contended that it was Government's duty to prepare a plan for the transition from war to peace economy and to avoid severe unemployment after the war.—British Wireless.

lose Thetis in a sea of trouble."

### STERN OUT OF WATER

The report finds there were only 83 Davis escape sets available, 29 others being stowed in the forward compartment which was flooded.

The Tribunal is of opinion that more lives would have been saved if efforts had been concentrated on keeping the submarine's stern out of water and cutting a hole and suggests that this was not done because those responsible expected most of the crew to escape by Davis apparatus.—British Wireless.

## AMERICAN EXPORTS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. RONALD CROSS, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC WARFARE, SAID YESTERDAY THAT IN THE FOUR MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER LAST, UNITED STATES EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE SHOWED AN INCREASE OF \$22,000,000 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1938.

The value of U.S. exports to Holland, Belgium, Switzerland and Scandinavia was \$68,000,000 higher than for the 1938 period.

He gave assurance that the difficult question of imports into neutral countries passing to Germany was under constant review. It could not be assumed that an increase of exports to any country contiguous to Germany over a short period necessarily implied a leak in the blockade.—Reuter.

## ITALY REASSURED ON THE "MAP QUESTION"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE PREMIER, M. REYNAUD, HAS HAD A CONVERSATION WITH THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN WHICH HE GAVE ITALY ALL THE NECESSARY REASSURANCES IN CONNEXION WITH THE "MAP QUESTION."

The map appeared in a photograph taken during Mr. Sumner Welles' visit to the Finance Ministry in Paris, and, contrary to reports abroad, only showed the frontiers of Europe prior to German aggression and not new frontiers planned by the Allies after the war.

Political observers point out that the first reactions to publication of the map were certainly inspired by German propaganda.

The falsity of the allegations was clearly demonstrated by M. Reynaud to the Italian envoy, and it was the more important to clear up the misunderstanding now that Allied activity in south-east Europe will soon develop with a view to tightening the blockade of Germany.

The same observers point out that the control of Italian trade in the Mediterranean which is exercised by the French Navy has not given rise to any incident, and the tightening of the blockade must be exercised without endangering Franco-Italian relations.—Havas.

### NAZI PROPAGANDA

Berlin, To-day.

Britain and France are trying to revive all the evils of the Versailles

Treaty against Germany and are now trying to drag the United States into the war through Mr. Sumner Welles—say Berlin circles.

This is a result of the publication of a photograph which shows Mr. Welles, M. Reynaud and the American Charge d'Affaires standing before the map in M. Reynaud's office, which attracted Italian attention.

"The United States is to be cheated again, as the map proves that the Allied war aim is to dismember Germany," say Berlin circles.—Reuter.

### FANTASTIC NONSENSE

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles yesterday described as fantastic nonsense the German charges that he and the French Premier, M. Reynaud, had discussed a map depicting French plans to whittle down German territory.

Mr. Welles said that during his interviews in Europe no reference was made to maps.—Reuter.

## FROM PARTY ANGLE

## END MORE IMPORTANT THAN MEANS

London, To-day.

An interesting discussion arose at the annual meeting of the Central Council of the National Union of Conservative Associations yesterday, at which a resolution calling for national unity was put forward by the executive committee.

The resolution called for the support of all parties and said that while criticism, in a democracy, could be offered freely it should not be designed to undermine the authority of the Government, which was responsible for the conduct of the war.

During his speech, Mr. Chamberlain earlier had said that he would welcome the cessation of party strife for the time being.

"I do not, of course, claim that the Government should be exempt from criticism," he went on.

### AMENDMENT APPROVED

During the discussion, the Conservative Member for Hull, Mr. Law, said that the resolution confused uniformity of parties with uniformity of judgment. They had had this sort of political truce in Germany, but not here, and that was one of the reasons why we were at war.

Mr. Vyvian Adams proposed an amendment stating that they hoped that every party should not try to exploit party feeling.

"I don't care what British Government conducts the war," he said, "providing it brings about the defeat of Germany and the end of Nazi tyranny."

The amendment was widely supported and the original resolution was dropped.—Reuter.



# PREMIER CONFIDENT

## Says Hitler Missed The Bus Last September

### Ready To Meet Blitzkrieg Or Protraction

London, To-day.

**AFTER SEVEN MONTHS of war, Mr. Chamberlain is ten times more confident of victory than he was at the beginning, he told the annual meeting of the Central Council of the National Union of Conservative Associations yesterday.**

This, he said, was not based on wishful thinking, but on the fact that we had successfully beaten off all attempts to starve us out by attacks on shipping "from raiders or aircraft or from secret weapons or any other old thing the Nazis can think of."

Germany had been preparing for the war for years, and one would have thought she would have used her initial superiority to try and overwhelm the Allies. Was it not very extraordinary that no such attempt had been made?

Whatever may have been the reason—Hitler may have thought he could get away with what he had got without fighting for it, or possibly it was that his preparations were not sufficiently complete—one thing was certain: Hitler missed the bus.

#### TUNED UP

The seven months have enabled us to get ready, to consolidate and tune up every arm, offensive and defensive, and so enormously add to our fighting strength that we can face the future with a calm and steady mind, whatever it brings.

The seven months had been of little use to Hitler because it had found him with no larger margin of strength to carry on. Even now the Nazis are enslaving Poland and Czechoslovakia, dragging people from their homes to work like slaves in Germany.

Our trouble is the opposite: we are not yet making full use of our man-power. This is being dealt with rapidly.

Turning to certain aspects of German propaganda, he said that there were German reports that we were short of food. As everyone knew, "we have no shortage."

#### NEUTRAL SENTIMENT

There was a growth of sentiment in neutral countries which compared our methods of warfare with those used by Germans. We may have committed technical breaches of their neutrality sometimes by accident, sometimes not.

But there is all the world of difference between what we have done and those terrible, callous and wicked proceedings on the part of Germany, who had sunk neutral ships without warning and left their crews exposed to the perils of the sea.

The fact was that Germany had not got a real friend in the world; although there may be many, there are many who are still dominated by the fear of her military power.

It could not be expected, however, that we should allow Germany indefinitely to profit by our scrupulousness. And whatever the neutrals might say in public, they knew that our victory spells freedom for them, our defeat condemns them to slavery.

#### ONE BY ONE

"You can take it from me," he went on, "that, one by one, the leaks and loopholes are being stopped and as the war goes on the strangling effect will more and more, draw the lifeblood from the enemy."

He referred to the close collaboration between Britain and the Dominions and the complete accord "with our great and gallant Ally, France." Recent declarations had given proof of the determination of Britain and France not only to win the war and make peace together, but, after peace has been made, still to act for the reconstruction of Europe.

#### WHICHEVER ALTERNATIVE

The will to conquer must enable us either to withstand the intensified warfare with whatever checks and disappointments may come to offset our triumphs, or equally stand up against a protracted wearisome war in which for many months together it might seem impossible for either side to win a decisive advantage.

Whichever alternative may come, I put my faith in the traditional courage and tenacity of our race.—Reuter.

#### RELATIVE POSITIONS

"I feel that during the last seven months our relative position towards the enemy has become a great deal stronger than it was. Just consider the difference between the ways of a country like Germany and our own. Long before the war Germany was making preparations for it. She was increasing her armed forces on land and devoting all her resources to turning out arms and equipment and to building up huge reserves of stocks; in fact, she was turning herself into a fully armed camp.

On the other hand, we, a peaceful nation, were carrying on with our peaceful pursuits. It is true we had been driven to begin to build up again those defences which we had so long left in abeyance but we postponed as long as any hope of peace remained, those drastic measures which were necessary to put the country on a war footing.

#### EXTRAORDINARY THING

When war broke out German preparations were far ahead of our own and it was natural then to expect the enemy would take advantage of his initial superiority to make an endeavour to overwhelm us and France before we had time to make good our deficiencies. Is it not a very extraordinary thing that no such attempt was made?"

Mr. Chamberlain added that he had not the slightest doubt that the enemy too had been busy and he would be the last to underrate his strength and determination to use that strength without scruple and without mercy if he thought he could without getting his blows returned with interest.

#### OPPOSITE TROUBLE

"I grant that. But I say this—the very completeness of his preparations has left him very little margin of strength still to call upon. I was reading in the paper only a couple of days ago how short of labour Ger-

### SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Brussels, To-day.

The executive of the Labour and Socialist International, meeting here, has appointed a small committee to prepare the groundwork for a programme for the reconstruction of post-war Europe.

The committee includes Phillip Noel-Baker (Britain), Leon Blum (France), and M. Huyman (Belgium).—Reuter.

many is, so short that they have had to add to their other crimes by enslaving the Poles and Czechs, dragging them from their homes to work for them like slaves in Germany. Here our trouble is exactly the opposite. I admit we have not yet succeeded in so bringing work and work-

ers together as to make full use of our existing manpower.

#### GUNS FOR BUTTER

Then there is another thing. German propaganda, perhaps in order to sweeten their own choice of guns instead of butter, has been spreading it about that we are all short of food in this country and they have been so persistent in it that many people, kind friends of ours in other countries, are sending parcels of eatables of food here. If, some time later, we want to save shipping space for war materials or if we want to restrict demands upon our foreign exchange, we may have to do without some of the things that we had been used to. But we can stand a lot of curtailment yet without feeling any worse for it."

#### NEVER AGAIN

Mr. Chamberlain concluded: "The terms of the Anglo-French Declaration were the best assurance that you could have that we shall not again be cheated of our fruits of victory and that the essential elements of European security will be available to us when the war is over.—British Wireless.

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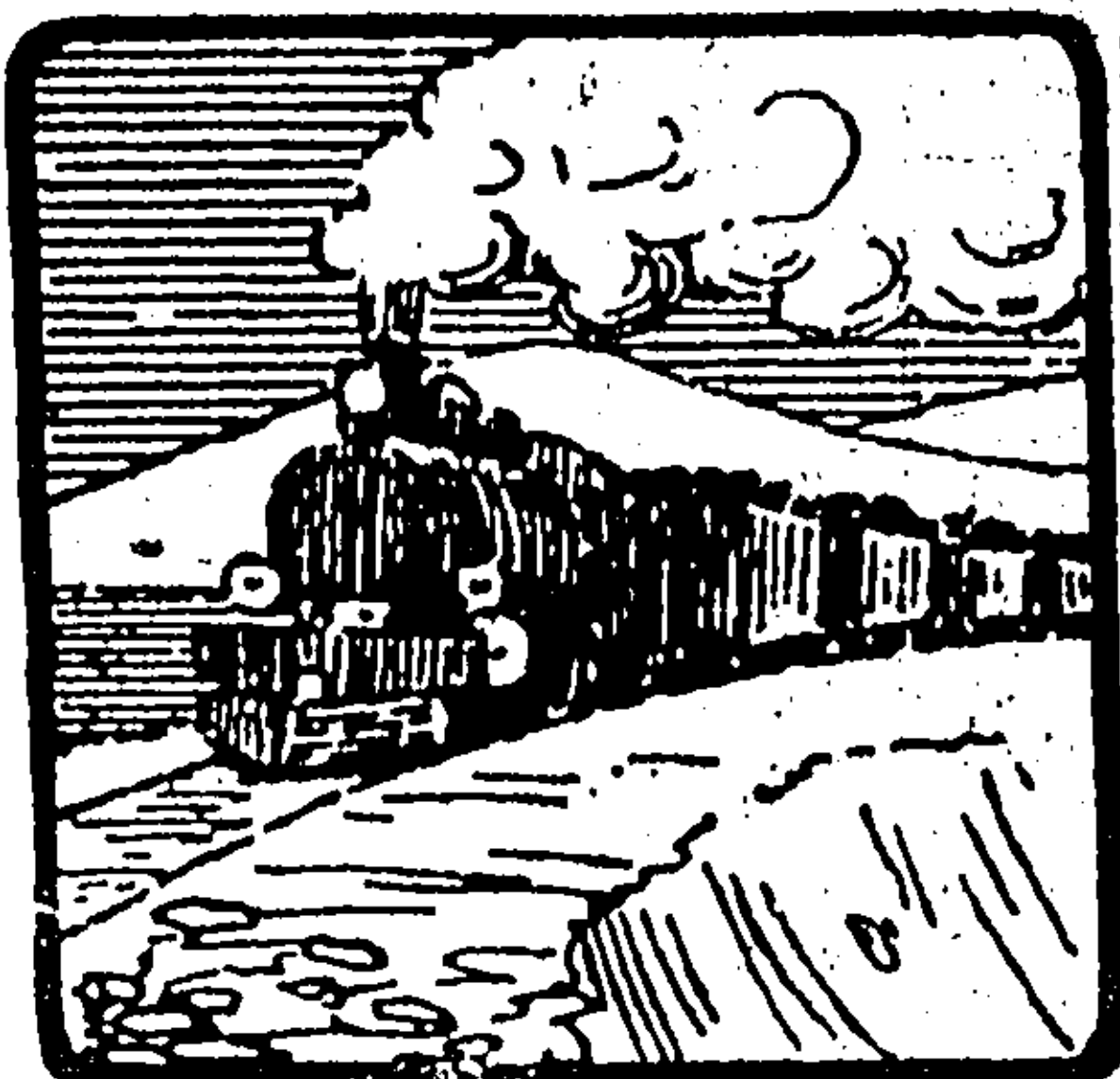
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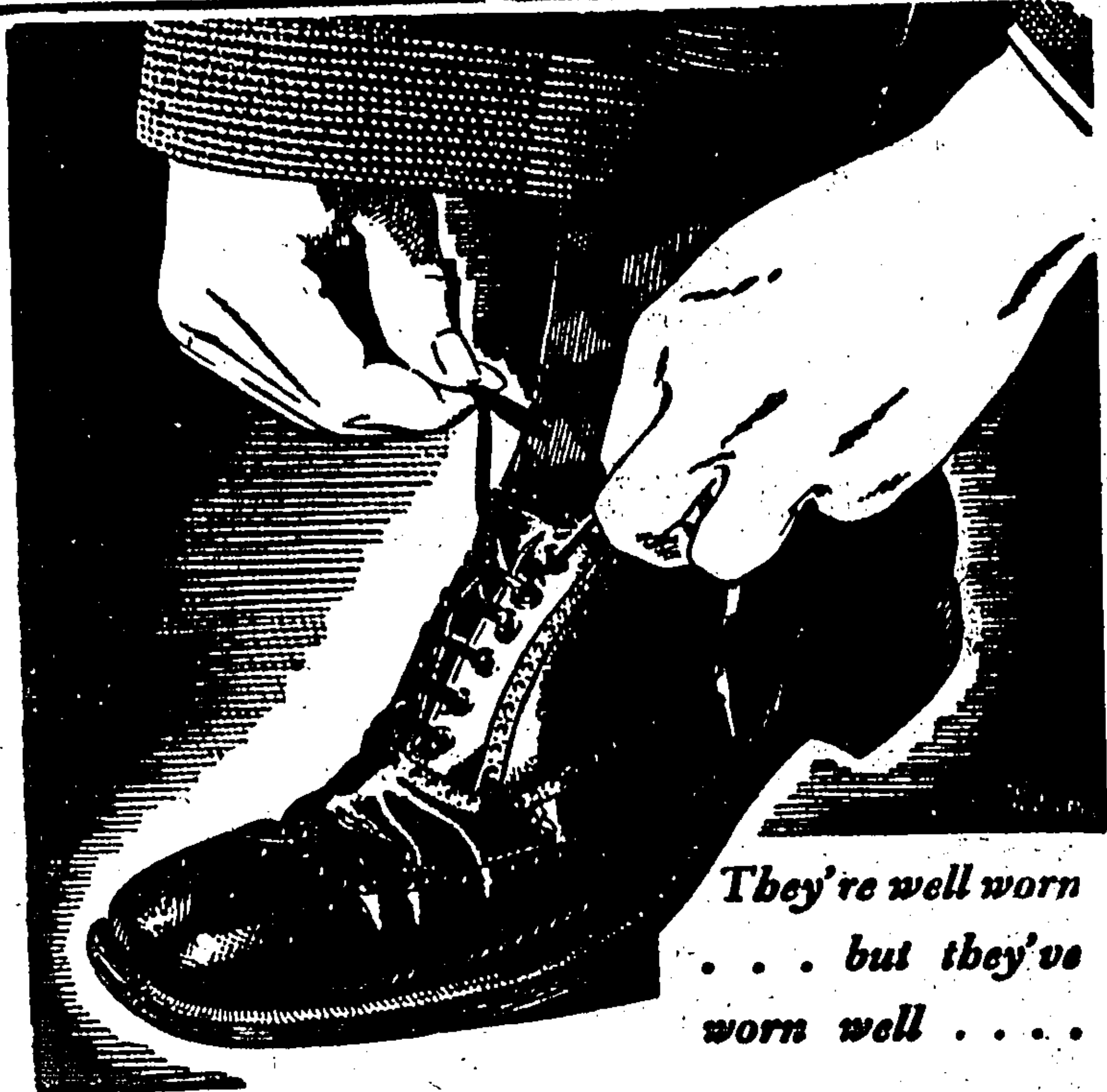
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## "OMINOUS BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR HITLER"

Stockholm, To-day.

THE "GOTEBORGES HANDELS TIDNING" says "The blockade is already being deeply felt in Germany who has the hopeless task of ersatzing blockaded goods. "The Russo-German treaty provided Russia with benefits and gave Germany nothing. Politically, friendship with Moscow has messed up Berlin.

"Swedish iron ore is absolutely indispensable to the German war machine. Metal collecting is an ominous birthday present for Hitler.

"It is detestable that we should deliver raw material to a war industry fighting the Democracies on whose victory our existence depends.

"England controls the oceans; our sea traffic is dependant on her consent. We have every reason for gratitude at the way she exercises her power."

### NORWEGIAN COMMENT

General conclusion of the Norwegian press is best expressed by the

"Tidenstegn," which says:

"The Western Powers are beginning slowly to feel themselves so strong that they think the time is ripe for more active conduct of the war."

"It is often forgotten that the two parties did not begin the war on an equal footing. Germany had planned her war economy for six or seven years while the others only seriously began to put themselves on a war footing a year before war came.

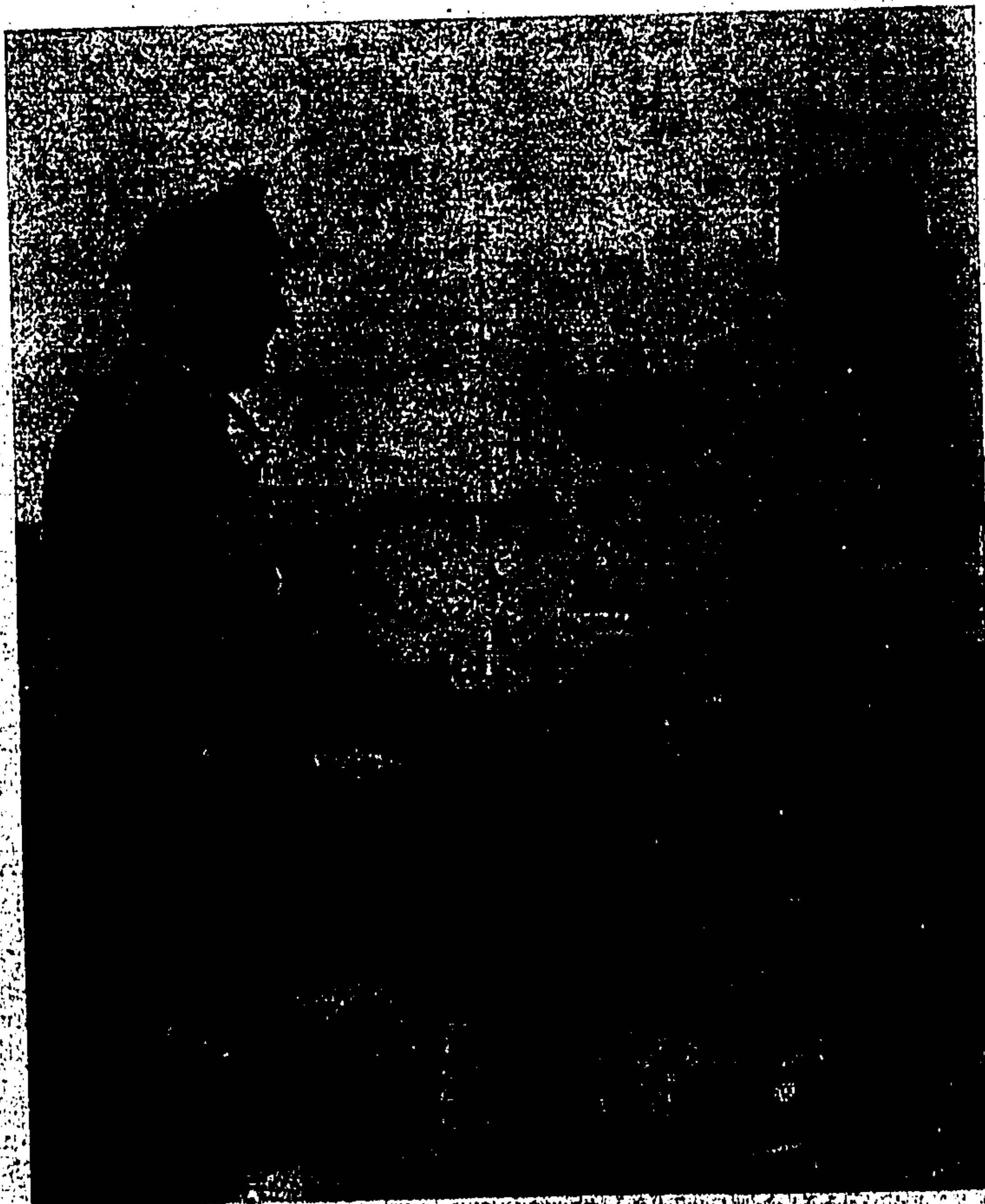
"Moreover, it takes longer for a Democracy than a totalitarian power to mobilise all its resources for a definite goal."—Reuter.



The G.O.C., General Grasett, snapped with Capt. Sale and Flying-Officer Farmer at the Blisley Meeting.

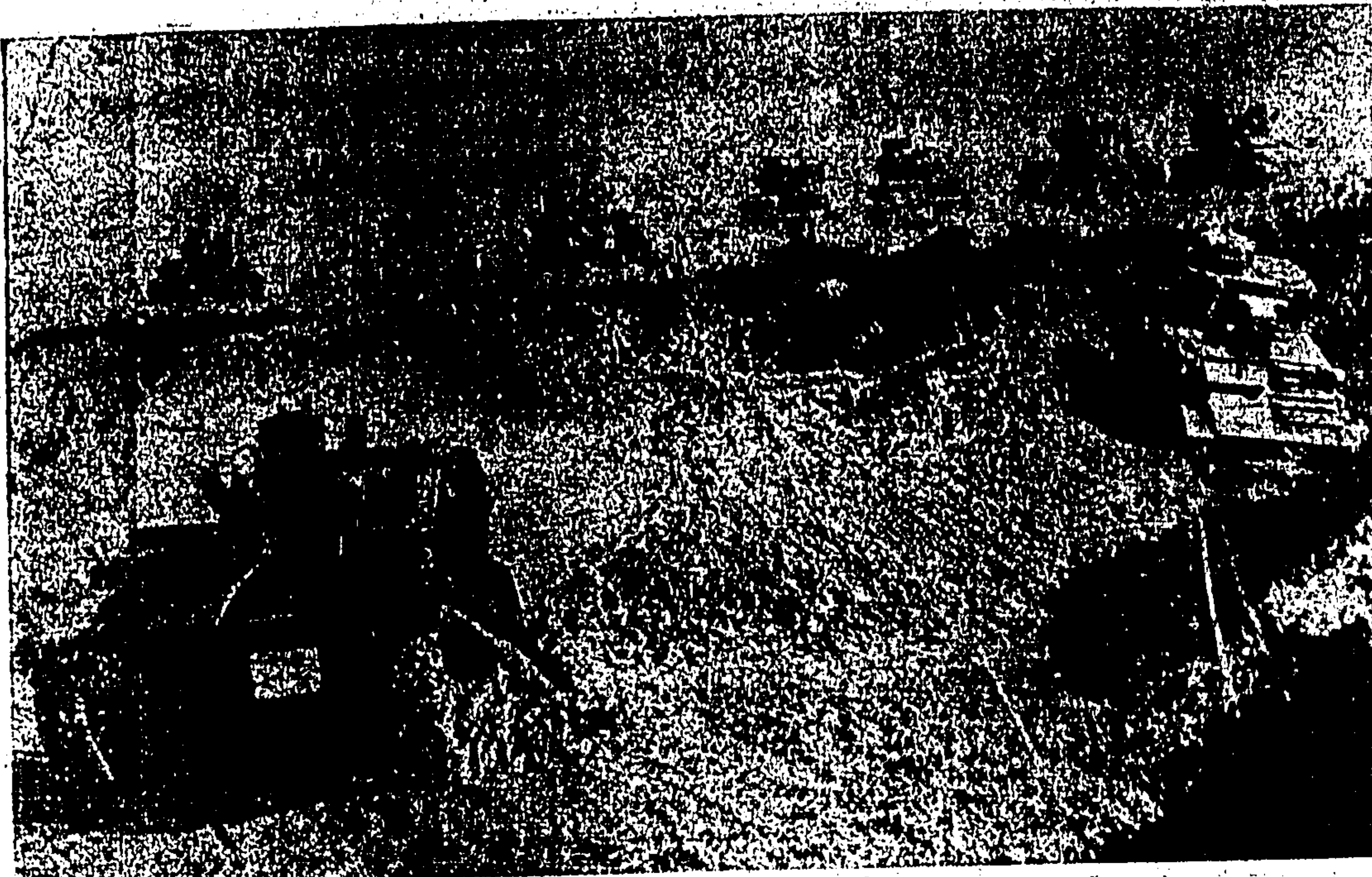


Major White, Lt. Dunlop and Sergt-Major Milne at the Blisley Meeting.



Lt. Le. Bessier, winner of the Governors' Cup at Hong Kong's Blisley Meeting, receiving the trophy from His Excellency.





**CAVALRY TANKS EXERCISE**—The mobility of the modern light tank is well illustrated in this picture of cavalry tanks carrying out an exercise "somewhere in France." They are able to operate over the roughest of country and extricate themselves in an amazing manner from all sorts of seemingly impossible positions. (Air Mail).

## NAZI FOUR-YEAR PLAN TO BLEED POLAND OF ALL RESOURCES: GRIM PROJECT

**PARIS, TO-DAY.**  
**THE EXISTENCE OF A NAZI "FOUR-YEAR PLAN" FOR THE SYSTEMATIC EXPLOITATION OF POLAND HAS BEEN RELEASED BY THE POLISH GOVERNMENT PRESS BUREAU IN PARIS, WHICH PUBLISHES THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY BERLIN TO GERMAN AUTHORITIES IN POLAND.**

The aim of the plan is to place the whole of Poland's resources at the service of the German war machine, without the slightest regard for the needs of the Poles, either now or in the future.

The preamble says that no long-range economic policy can be conducted in Poland. On the contrary, it is necessary to conduct the economic life of that area so that, at the shortest notice, it can achieve the maximum service for strengthening the Reich war economy.

The provisions include:—

1. Polish agricultural production to be increased and set aside for the use of the German army; only if there is a surplus will the Poles get anything.
2. The cutting of timber is to be increased, without regard to the conservation of forests.
3. The output of raw materials is to be speeded up.
4. The industrial production for Polish use is to be restricted to a minimum; all production capable of serving German interests is to be sent to Germany for scrap.

### SLAVERY

5. At least 1,000,000 men and women are to be despatched as workers, of whom 750,000 will be used for farm work.
6. Poles working in Germany will receive sufficient food to keep up their strength; the rest will receive a bare minimum of rations.—Reuter.

### CANADIAN AIR SQUADRON IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.  
Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for the Dominions, flew to an R.A.F. station in south-west England yesterday to inspect an Army Co-Operation Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force in training there. After inspecting the squadron, Mr. Eden said that it was obvious the men were ready and eager for any task they might be called on to perform.—Reuter.

### EARTH COOLIE ON MURDER CHARGE

A 22-year-old earth coolie, Lo Kau, was charged with murder before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, and remanded for a week.

Chan Ming was killed in Blue Pool Road on Wednesday with an axe, and Lo is accused of the crime. He was arrested at the Macao Steamer wharf yesterday morning, apparently intending to leave the Colony.

Det. Sub-Inspector Darkin is in charge of the case.

### FINGERPRINT CLUE

Admitting breaking into Gilman's showroom in Nathan Road and stealing radio-sets and gramophone, Cheng Pan, 18, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning.

A Portuguese youth, Alfredo John Marques Oliveira, 17, charged with receiving, was placed on a \$75 bond and ordered to be sent back to Foo-chow, where he came from.

Det. Sgt. F. Nolan, prosecuting, said the man who broke into Gilman's showroom left his finger-prints behind on the glass.

The youths offered a radio-set for sale to a shop in Woosung Street on April 2 and were arrested.

The fingerprints proved to be Cheng Pan's.

Cheng had three convictions for loitering and larceny, while Oliveira had a clean record.

They had been staying in a hut belonging to a Club in King's Park for about two weeks.



Mickey Rooney and Ann Rutherford in "Andy Hardy Gets Spring Fever," the latest in the Hardy family series produced by M.G.M., which comes to the Queen's Theatre to-morrow.

## GERMAN AIRMEN'S SLANG

The German Airman also has his slang—some of it quite incomprehensible even to the most orthodox Nazi layman, and some of it so cynical that it must cause the authorities a little anxiety.

The term "flying brick" to describe a Messerschmitt is already well known.

Here are some other terms used to describe aircraft. Bath tub (Badewanne), canoe (Kahn), trunk (Kiste) or Molle, which is the name given to a large size glass in the cafes of Berlin.

An all metal aircraft is a "brass donkey" (Blechesel) a heavy bomber is a "pantehnicon" (Mobelwagen), a single-seater fighter is called a "dolly" (Puppchen) and a worn out aircraft is called "Klamotte" i.e. "junk."

### "PEACEFUL EMILS"

The general name for pilots is Emil, and for observers Franz. An observer is also a "staff-goggles" (Generalstab brille). A young airman is a "hare" (Haschen), an "ace" pilot is a "cannon" (Kanone). An old pilot is called Fridensemil (literally "peaceful Emil") and a crew is called a Fliegerhe, meaning more or less a flying family.

Bombs are "eggs" or "cigars" (Eier or Zigarren). To open fire with a machine gun is "to bleat" (Anmechern).

A flight over the enemy lines is a Frontbummel (Bummel means a joy-ride or a "spree"). Searchlights are "glow worms," A.A. fire is "measles" (Masern), and to be shot down in flames is "dismount hot" (Abmontieren warm).

As to the weather forecasters of the Reich meteorological service, cynicism could not go further. They are simply called the false prophets (Falsche Propheten.)

### FALL OF A LADDER

Two painters were yesterday admitted to the Kowloon Hospital, one with a fractured hand and the other with a fractured spine. They were at work in a godown at Dundas Street yesterday and fell from a ladder while painting.

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# MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

## PEACEFUL PACIFIC

It should not be overlooked that the potentialities of actual warfare in the Pacific are still remote. Russia and the Allies are not at war and are not likely to be at war. The rapid movement of events in Europe makes such a war a contingent possibility, to be sure, but is hardly more than that. Regardless of scareheads and pointed news dispatches, it is hardly time yet to lose sleep over a Pacific catastrophe.—"Manila Bulletin."

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## ISOLATIONISTS SHY

One of the most encouraging features of the American public's reaction to Mr. Welles' trip is that very few people raised the objection that it constituted unnecessary intervention in Europe's troubles. The isolationists in the past fought shy of any co-operation with other countries to maintain the peace of the world. This attitude was not entirely based on the fear that the United States might through the League of Nations sanctions or in some other way become involved in the war. It was also based on a conviction that the United States was sufficient unto itself alone—economically, financially and spiritually. The Secretary of State, by this constant preaching of the virtues of his trade agreement policy has done much to break down the spirit of economic isolationism.

The longer the war lasts, the less likely, so United States officials fear, will the belligerent powers which finally triumph be to pay attention to the requests and desires of the neutrals. A strong and united "neutrality front," however, might be able to accomplish more than any neutral could single-handed. A former British Ambassador to Washington, Sir Esme Howard, was in the habit of describing neutral powers as *terribles gaudentes*, or as he translated it, rejoicing third parties. The idea that any power, even a neutral, can profit by war has now been discredited and the fact has been realised that war anywhere is of concern to peoples everywhere. But a neutral obviously does not suffer from a war as much as a belligerent. American officials are fully conscious of the fact that nations which have shed their blood and spent their treasure for a cause which they consider just may not be over pleased when neutrals who have remained on the sidelines march into the conference room to take their seats on terms of equality with those who have borne the heat and burden of the day.

If a common neutral front is desirable to protect the interests and further the theories of neutral powers in a post-war settlement, then, by extending the same theory a little further, it might be argued that a common neutral front might be desirable to further the interests of the neutrals while the war is actually going on. The neutrals might, for example, take a common attitude towards belligerent activities which adversely affect them. But since nothing really harms a neutral so much as the dislocation caused by the very existence of war time conditions, would it not be possible for the neutrals in combination to force their own conception of peace upon the belligerent powers before the destructive forces of war have gone too far.—"North China Daily News."

## DARKNESS AND LIGHT

It is hardly possible to deny that things in general are upside down when lighting-up time has become identified with the time for blacking-out. Paradox in these matters has become so familiar that it now seems perfectly natural. We take almost as a matter of course the beginning of summer time in a bitter wintry spell, and we shall no doubt take just as philosophically its extension till winter is upon us again. It came perhaps as something of a shock to the unreflecting early riser that the beginning of summer time this year plunged him straight back into the discomfort of getting up in the morning by artificial light, but compensation came the same day in the almost forgotten experience of getting home from work in the evening without it. In spite of all these vagaries, the year persists in giving its usual proofs of advance by the increase of light in duration and intensity. Even war cannot arrest that symptom of reawakening Nature. Once more, in spite of excursions and alarms, fears and forebodings, defiant even of A.R.P. and all its works, "light is large and lambs are glad." The gloomiest of us cannot help being responsive to the growing light, however much he may object to being told so. Trees, grass, flowers, birds, and beasts know no such inhibitions. Untroubled by that gnawing self-consciousness which makes miserable man cross-examine himself before he can decide whether he is really happy, they pay prompt and spontaneous tribute to increase of light and warmth. The "great and sane and simple race of brutes" is a much surer index of these recurrent blessings than that complex organism which has grafted on to a merely physical stock the mysterious growths of imagination, reason, and spirit.

But these excrescences have possibilities of strength and beauty which far transcend the material basis on which, so far as human faculties may discern, they seem destined to have their being. Plant and animal take light and darkness as they come, without question, reproach, or thanks, and undergo their mechanical reaction, good, bad, or indifferent. Man refuses any such merely automatic response. He is thankful for the light, but if it is not there he will devise a passable substitute. He accepts the darkness for the friendly purposes of rest and recuperation, but he can at will turn it to his own use for evil as well as good. He is not bounded by merely physical manifestations and effects. He is no slave to actual day and night. He is capable too of light and darkness of mind and soul. In the brightest noonday he may be filled with the blackness of despair. In the Egyptian darkness of the outside world, in the deepest gloom of his own spirit, he may yet by self-discipline and the power of faith evoke an illumination which lights all the hard way before him. The full clarity of that super-physical vision may be reserved for the very few, but to even the humblest of us there is implanted a persistent instinct to lift up our eyes in the hope of catching the gleam that we can follow.

Like plants in mines which never saw the sun, But dream of him, and guess where he may be, And do their best to climb and get to him.—"The Times."

## THE INITIATIVE

We have to wrest the initiative from the Germans and wield it ourselves. How? Sea-power alone cannot do it and cannot begin to do it. Sea-power is a prodigious force in itself. It provides the indispensable means by which all the other resources of the nation and the empire may be brought to bear. But it is useless to blink the signs that the operation of blockade and contraband control may be slower in this war than in the last though it was protracted for more than four years. The Nazi system is extending its counter-resources every day, and we are certain to see the further development of this process during the next few months.—J. L. Garvin.



# British Plane Routs Six Nazi Attackers STING IN TAIL OF SUNDERLAND

London, To-day.

A SINGLE SUNDERLAND TYPE flyingboat routed six German aircraft attacking a convoy in the North Sea on Wednesday, Reuter learned yesterday.

The R.A.F. plane shot down one German in flames and so damaged another that it was forced to land in Norway.

It was the first time a British flyingboat had been in combat and its opponents were the Junker 88 type which are among the latest, fastest and most manoeuvrable German type.

## PORTUGUESE WOMEN IN LEGAL FIGHT

Damages of \$500 for alleged assault and insulting expressions are claimed by Mrs. Carmen M. Nunes, plaintiff, against Mrs. A. Nunes, both of Granville Road, in a case which came up for hearing before the Puisne Judge, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr. P. Winter-Blyth appeared for plaintiff and Mr. M. A. da Silva for defendant.

Plaintiff alleged assault by defendant and that defendant used insulting language, with special reference to the words "cabra" and "cadella" and other insulting expressions on two other occasions in the presence of her husband, relatives and bystanders.

Mr. Silva, for defendant, said the expressions were nothing but vulgar abuse. "Cabra" meant she-goat, and "Cadella," bitch.

Mr. Lindsell: "You mean 'she-goat' and 'she-dog'."

Mr. Lindsell asked if it was likely to be a long affair, and Mr. Silva said, Yes, asking leaving to file a counter-claim.

Hearing was fixed for May 6.

## GUERRILLA WARFARE IN FRANCE

Berlin, To-day.

The official news agency in a war commentary admits that German patrols "sometimes fall into enemy traps."

The agency says the guerilla warfare in No-Man's Land which is daily waged by numerically small units has been intensified with the warmer weather.

It adds: "Ambushes play a special role in this warfare. Ambushes are laid by patrols from both sides at night in dark woods or evacuated villages. German patrols have made numerous prisoners by this means. 'Sometimes, however, some of our patrols fall into enemy traps.' — Reuter.

The battle was one of the most spectacular which has ever occurred over the North Sea.

The Sunderland had been searching the area and found the German aircraft, which made off when attacked.

An hour later four Junkers tried to bomb the convoy but made off after anti-aircraft fire had broken up their formation. Then six Junkers appeared and a second combat started.

### Blare Of Sound

Inside the Sunderland there was a continuous blare of sound as the tail gunner revolved his huge turret, swerving the four guns from beam to beam, while the midships gunners swung their guns to keep the enemy planes in their sights.

A few minutes afterwards two Junkers retreated while the other four came in swiftly.

The Sunderland's tail gunner held his fire until the Junkers were 100 yards away and then opened up with all four guns.

The leading Junker spun down to the sea in flames and another swerved away after receiving a cascade of bullets in one engine.

### The Full Sting

It was this plane which landed in Norway.

The Junkers got the full sting of the Sunderland's tail as they finally departed.

The Sunderland landed safely at its base with its controls shot away.

The captain had an eyelid cut by chips of metal and the second pilot had a slight ear injury. — Reuter.

## NAZIS PUSH RECRUITING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

Germany is pushing at full speed the recruiting of men born in 1903 and 1904, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Neue Zuercher Zeitung.

These men were too old to serve when the obligatory military service came into force in 1935.

The correspondent estimates that a total number of about 6,000,000 men are under arms in Germany. — Havas.

### NEW COLLIERY IN FIFESHIRE

London, To-day.

A colliery, expected to be the largest in Britain, is to be opened soon in Fifehire, and by mid-summer should be turning out some 400 tons of coal an hour. — Reuter.

## GERMANS ATTACK TRAWLERS

London, To-day.

It is learned that two German warplanes attacked trawlers north-east of the Shetlands yesterday and dropped seven bombs, all of which missed.

When a bomb fell close to one trawler, she sent out an SOS.

A British fighter arrived and contacted one of the German machines, which made off. — Reuter.

## EUROPEAN YOUTH SENT TO PRISON

George Broomfield, 17, formerly one of the crew of a Blue Funnel steamer, appeared before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning on two charges of larceny.

Defendant was stated to have stolen two ladies' gold wrist watches and \$3.85 in cash from the dressing table in Room 4, Marble Hall, Granville Road, on March 22 from Miss E. Major and Miss A. Hyer.

He was also alleged to have stolen U.S.\$36 on March 26 from a cabin on a Maersk steamer from Mrs. R. Armbette.

Defendant admitted a conviction for

## BRITISH GOVT. TRADING CO. UNLTD.

London, To-day.

Sir John Simon, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, intimated in the House of Commons yesterday that the Government had decided to form a special trading company.

The company will be called the English Commercial Corporation, and the capital will be subscribed by the Treasury.

It will at present be primarily concerned with trade with Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary, Rumania, Turkey and Yugo-Slavia, and will work as a commercial independent entity subject to consultation with the Government.

The chairman will be Lord Swinton. Reuter understands the company will be a permanent body.

The board of directors of the new company include Alfred Chester-Beatty, G.S.T.G. Beasley (a partner in Ralli Brothers, the well-known Indian merchants), C. P. Lister, G. A. MacEwan, Mr. J. H. Hambro and Mr. F. H. Nixon. — Reuter.

petty larceny in England, and the prosecution said it was understood he had been let off twice previously on charges of larceny from the Empress of Asia and a Bank Line steamer.

Defendant, whose ship sailed from Hong Kong a month ago, was sent to jail for three months.

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# NAZI TACTICS IN U.S.

## Neutrals Estimate Of White Paper Purpose

### Fear Allied Air Superiority In Near Future

Stockholm, To-day.

THE "SOCIAL DEMOKRATEN," connects the publication of the German White Paper with German fears that Allied superiority in the air may come at the end of the year.

The Germans may attempt an air offensive now but such an attack on England and France may very well lead to a complete switch-over of American public opinion, since it is well-known that the bombing of civilians is the American people's nightmare.

The paper further argues that even if these documents should influence the result of the presidential election to the disadvantage of President Roosevelt they are unlikely to alter the line of American foreign policy.

### COAL RATION UPSETS GERMANY

Amsterdam, To-day.

It is learned there is a good deal of dissatisfaction in Germany at the Government's decision to introduce coal rationing.

Germany possesses the largest supplies of coal of any country in Europe, and the decree announcing the scheme, published in the morning papers, came as a most unpleasant surprise.

Last winter's shortage was mainly attributed to the exceptionally cold weather paralysing transport. It appears, however, that a definite shortage is expected next winter whatever the weather may be. — Reuter.

### ITALY IMPRESSED

Rome, To-day.

The quiet manner in which the changes in the British Cabinet have taken place has much impressed Italian political circles.

The newspaper "Avvenire" says it has been done without polemics and a parliamentary affray.

Generally, more vigorous aggressiveness is expected in the conduct of the war, but all political observers declare themselves unable to see how the British naval control can be made more stringent if Mr. Chamberlain's recent reiteration of respect for neutral waters is to remain effective. — Reuter.

### MOTOR ACCIDENT

Mrs. G. A. Blandford, residing at No. 27, West Terrace, Kowloon Docks, reports that while driving she accidentally knocked down a 12-year-old Chinese boy at the entrance to the Terrace yesterday. The boy darted suddenly across the road. He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

"As regards the United States attitude to South America and the Pacific Ocean, American interest for the existence of the British Empire is so strong that a serious threat to this would cause a violent reaction among the American people, regardless of who should be in the post of President.

#### FOR OR AGAINST

"It is therefore not so certain that the defeat of President Roosevelt and the Democrats would in any way change American foreign policy, but it will be interesting to see if the Nazis have judged the situation rightly, for Germany has now herself seen to it that the presidential election shall take place under the watchword 'For or against the Third Reich, for or against the Western Democracies.'"

"The Hitler clique have certainly reason to await the reply from the American people with profound anxiety and great nervousness.

"For while the present American neutrality in no way can be detrimental to the success of the Allies, America's entry into the war would conclusively mean the defeat of the Third Reich."

#### SMELT OF GOEBBELS

The "Goteborgsposten" says: "The White Book smelt of Goebbels a long way off. It aims to make President Roosevelt the man pushing Europe into war. He is no good for Germany and the Nazis therefore might be expected to try to trip him as soon as possible.

"Even if Germany had the best reasons for being suspicious of the United States, it scarcely seems necessary to challenge the Americans.

#### DEAF AND BLIND

"One remembers that in the last war the Germans were deaf and blind to all warnings and continued to terrorise American shipping until the Lusitania filled the cup.

"German propaganda is more intensive now but is not cleverer than then.

"It is expected that the American authorities will prepare an account of German propaganda in the United States which will not be a pleasant lesson to the Germans."

#### A GRIM ADMISSION

In New York, "The Times" also comments on the White Paper, saying: "The White Paper is an invitation to the German people to ponder the grim fact that among its enemies in the war is the richest and most powerful country in the world."

Commenting on the French Yellow Book, the "New York Times" declared: "Whoever reads these documents will understand the grim resolve of the Allied peoples that one man's will and one man's obsession shall no longer play havoc with the lives and fortunes of mankind." — Reuter.

### RADICALS SWINGING TO REYNAUD?

Paris, To-day.

Radical deputies held a meeting yesterday afternoon which had been awaited with some apprehension in political circles but it did not produce any motion hostile to the Government.

On the contrary, many deputies insisted that the Radical group now wishes no hostility to the Cabinet but desires an opportunity should be given before the Chamber adjourns for a clear Government majority to be recorded.

The Premier, M. Reynaud, received the Radical group and agreed to hold a debate on the general policy of the new Government. — Reuter.

### JAP. SHIPS LEAVE BIAS BAY

WHATEVER THE MOTIVE WAS FOR STEAMING INTO AND ANCHORING IN BIAS BAY LAST SUNDAY, THE MOVEMENTS OF THE FOUR JAPANESE WARSHIPS HAVE BAFFLED THE CHINESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF WAICHOW DISTRICT.

The vessels' departure yesterday was as sudden as their arrival.

Latest reports to-day from Sha-ng-chung, terminus of the Taipo-Sha-ng-chung Ferry Service, disclose that normal conditions prevail once again.

When the Japanese vessels arrived in Bias Bay, it was feared that they would land and attack Tamshui and Sha-ng-chung. On reports from the coastal posts, the Chinese military authorities at Waichow instructed the population along the coast and at Sha-ng-chung to make preparations for evacuation.

The situation was tense until yesterday, when the Japanese, without making any attempt to land forces, left the Bay.

### TREECUTTER GIVEN SMART SENTENCE

Chan Hing, 37, was before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, charged with stealing a pine tree and three other wild trees valued at \$60 from the hillside above Stubbs Road yesterday, and with breach of an expulsion order.

Sergeant Reddish said defendant was seen sawing the trees and was caught after a long chase.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour on the first charge, and six weeks on the second, and recommended for banishment.

### EUROPEANS IN TRAFFIC CASES

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, Miss G. F. Flower, of the War Memorial Hospital, was fined \$10 for leaving her car unattended in Queen's Road Central.

Captain J. D. K. Macrae, of No. 114, The Peak, was fined \$5 for parking overtime in Pedder Street.

A taxi-driver, Wong Do, summoned for speeding in Ice House Street, was said to have collided with a car driven by Mr. C. W. Summers, of No. 188, The Peak.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ pleaded not guilty and hearing was fixed for April 19.

### THE SECRET SESSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Considerable interest attaches to the secret session of the House of Commons on April 11 which will discuss the general conduct of the war.

It is expected that Labour members will ask for details of the decisions reached at the last meeting of the Supreme War Council, especially regarding the Government's intentions regarding Scandinavia, Russian exports to Germany, British contraband control in the Pacific, and Anglo-Japanese relations in the light of eventual interception of Soviet trade.

Some Conservative members will ask to be informed about the Government's measures to accelerate blockade operations. — Havas.

### S'HAI RICE PROBLEM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

CO-OPERATIVE PURCHASES OF RICE FROM CHINA AND GROWING CENTRES ABROAD ARE CONTEMPLATED BY ABOUT 1,000 LOCAL DEALERS.

They contemplate the creation of a company with a capital of \$20,000,000 which would handle purchases and regulate prices.

The plan mainly aims at avoiding the big losses suffered by rice dealers during past years. — Havas.

### NEW MINISTER FOR DEFENCE IN TURKEY

Ankara, To-day.

General Tinaz has relinquished the post of Minister of National Defence in the Turkish Government owing to ill-health.

He is succeeded by Sufet Arkan, former Minister of Education. — Reuter.

### TURKEY'S TREND OF TRADE SHIFTS

Ankara, To-day.

During the first two months of 1940, Turkey's exports to Germany fell to 2 per cent of her total exports, as compared with 58 per cent last year, while exports to Britain and France rose to 28 per cent of the total, an increase of 22 per cent. — Reuter.

### JARDINE MATHESON CLERK ACCUSED

Koo Ka-ming, 25, a clerk employed by Jardine Matheson and Company, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, with embezzlement of \$585.59.

Det. Sergt. E. S. Brooks asked for a 72 hours' remand which was granted.

### PEAK BURGLARY

The residence of Mr. E. G. Price of No. 183, The Peak, was entered during Wednesday night and jewellery to the value of \$835 stolen. Jewellery valued at \$170 was later recovered by the Police.



# News Snack Bar

## THIS BLACK-OUT IS NO NEW THING

THE "BLACK-OUT" has been a godsend to the confirmed grumbler, and probably never in this generation has his grumbling struck responsive chords in so many sympathetic hearts. But if there is anything new under the sun it is certainly not the "black-out."

At least in London we have only reverted — compulsorily, it is true — to a state which, until a century ago, in peace or war, was the nightly experience of the town dweller, as it was of the dweller in rural parts.

So black were the streets of London that as early as 1416 "lanthorns and lights" were ordered to be hung outside houses on winter evenings between All Hallows and Candlemas — and the order remained in force for 300 years, until the reign of Queen Anne. All this time the night-watchman, whose chief qualifications seemed to be extreme old age and a strident voice, went on his rounds with lantern and halberd.



"New Yorker."

### Channel Captain Dead

Capt. Stanley David Robinson, 49, master of one of the Southern Railway's Channel steamers, was found dead recently in the Warren, the Folkestone pleasure-ground. He had a throat wound, and a blood-stained penknife was nearby.

### Admiral Injured

Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard Wells, Director-General of the Ports and Lighthouses Administration of Egypt, was seriously injured in Alexandria Harbour when his launch came into collision with a Navy launch. He is 61 this year.

### Air Dash Was In Vain

A woman to whom a Dutch doctor flew from Holland last November to attend, has died in Nottingham. She was Mrs. Caroline Rosenheim Weinberg, who was prominently identified with Jewish social, charitable and educational life.

### Petrol Lighter In Powder Works

For possessing a petrol lighter while working in the Royal Gunpowder Factory, Waltham Abbey, Leonard Arthur Danes, 27, of Oaklands-road, Enfield, a labourer employed by a contractor, was fined £2 at Waltham Abbey.

Danes said he gave up his cigarettes and matches on entering the factory, but forgot the lighter.

### 'Carry Matches, Lose Job'

Notices have been posted in Woolwich Arsenal and other Ordnance factories, warning employees who carry matches in the danger areas that they will be dismissed and prosecuted. The carrying of petrol lighters is also forbidden.

In 1694 a licence was granted by the City Fathers to a company for the supply of glass lights, commonly called "convex lights," in all public places, for 21 years; in 1708 a lamp, consisting of a glass globe containing an oil-lamp, was patented and came into general use. The rule was still in force that every frontager along the street who was rated at £10 or more a year must hang out one or more lanterns, with sufficient cotton-wick candles therein, from six to 11 p.m. every night from Michaelmas to Lady Day.

When there was no moon whole streets were in darkness because their houses were rated at less than £10, and there was no light anywhere after 11 o'clock.

### NOCTURNAL LAWLESSNESS

Accounts of social life in the days of Anne and the first two Georges bear witness to a nocturnal lawlessness in the streets that was worse than had ever been known. So the 18th century was the age of flambeaux and link-boys. The aristocrat, in his gilded coach, returned from the theatre or ball guided and guarded by the footman with his torch; linkboys could be hired by those who kept no footman. In contemporary literature they are generally depicted as half-witted creatures, though they probably did not all deserve the reputation as decoys given them by Gay in his "Trivia".



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And share the booty with the pilfering band.

Still keep the public streets, where oily rays,

Shot from the crystal lamp, o'er-spread thy ways."

But the age of lamps was approaching, and in 1762 Parliament took a hand and the first Highway Act was passed. A parish tax for lighting was allowed, and then came the period of the lamplighters hurrying through the district in the morning carrying ladder and oil, and scurrying round again at twilight to light the lamps.

What a twinkling there was then through all the streets! One old writer described the sight as a wonder of the world! And that was before he had seen London lighted by gas. For several years Pall Mall was the only street lighted by gas. The experiment began in 1807, and it was due to a German, F. A. Winsor, who, though not the inventor, succeeded in applying the new illuminant to the lighting of the streets. Sir Walter Scott sneeringly referred to Winsor in these terms:

"There is a madman who proposes to light London with, what do you think? Smokel!"

But the new system succeeded, and by Christmas Day, 1814, London was lighted generally by gas.

Hitler's war has merely taken us back to earlier times and landed us into some of the difficulties that our forbears took as a matter of course.

### As Scrap

As a lead to the public in a local save-your-waste campaign at Hampstead, the Borough Council's Emergency Committee is to consider disposing of the German guns, trophies of the last war, as scrap metal. They are on Fortune Green.

### Charwomen Busy Again

The war is reviving the practice of whitening doorsteps in London and charwomen who were discharged from City offices when firms were evacuated are busy again.

Charging twopence a step, they usually call twice a week at each house cleaning and whitening the front step to guide people in the black-out.

### Man Said Service

### Was A Mockery

During prayers for peace at a service for Civil Defence units at St. Giles's Church, Camberwell, London, S.E., a man rose and muttered something which sounded like "I protest against this mockery."

The service—attended by the Bishop of Southwark (Dr. R. G. Parsons) and Admiral Sir Edward Evans, London Regional A.R.P. Commissioner—was delayed for a few minutes while the man was led out by sidesmen.

### Is Tea On "Empress"

### Liner Still Hot?

How long will tea keep hot in a vacuum flask? Mr. Frank Barford, of 28, Addison-road, Walthamstow, E.17, is wondering.

Because on-board the liner Empress of Asia is a flask which Mr. Barford filled with hot tea seventeen years ago. It has been out of reach ever since.

Mr. Barford was working as a carpenter on the liner in Vancouver Harbour in 1923 and put the flask inside a cavity wall in the hold. Later, when he went to get it he found the wall had been covered with insulating material and his flask was behind it.

### Eton Boys To Wear Second-Hand Shirts

Eton boys are to wear house-colour football shirts of Old Etonians now that buying new shirts has been forbidden with the imposition of strict economy on all boys' expenses at Eton. Appealing to Old Etonians to give the shirts permanently to the house, Mr. H. E. Maudslay, captain of the team, says: "The parting will be hard, but those who are good enough to give their shirts to Eton will know how greatly their generosity will be appreciated."





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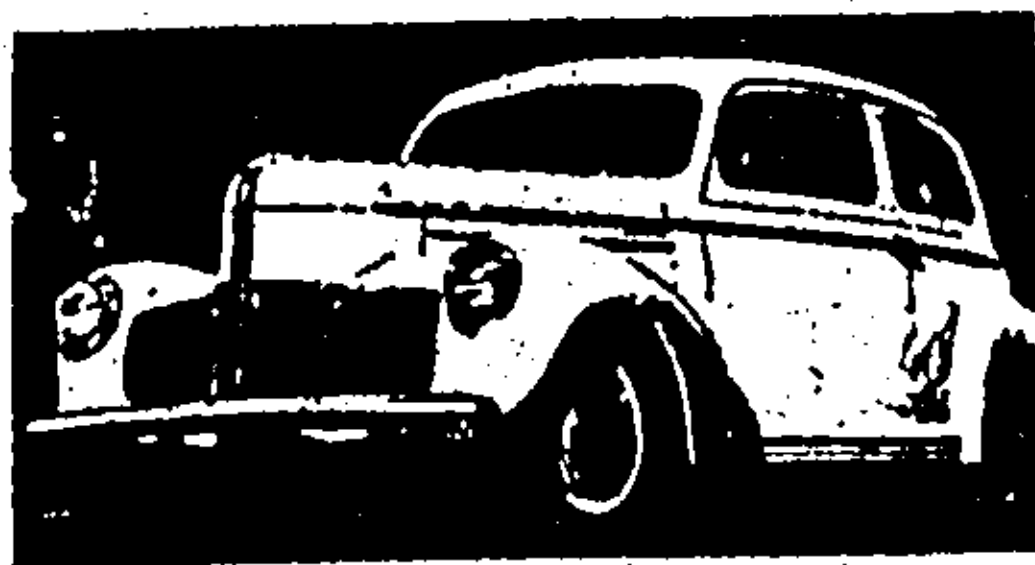
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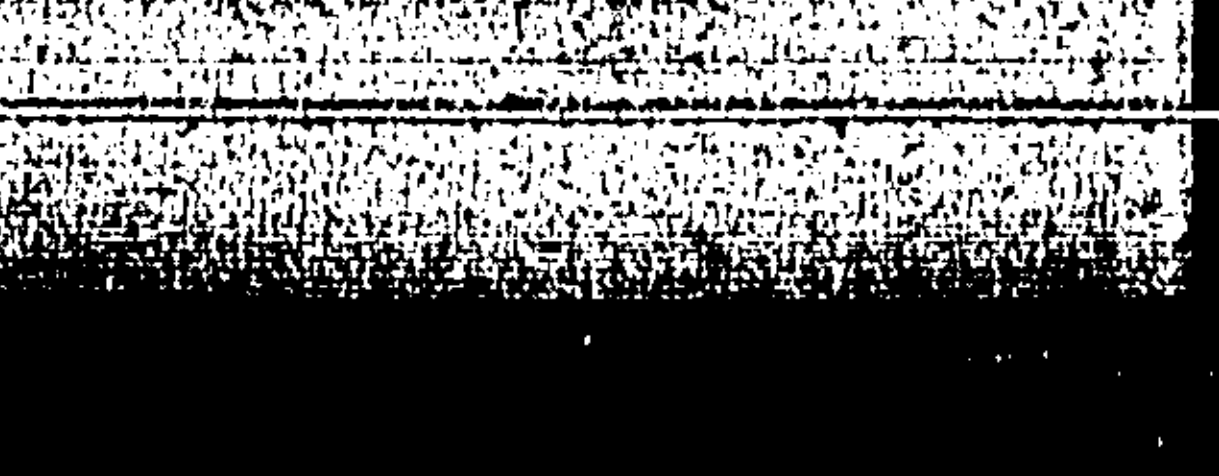
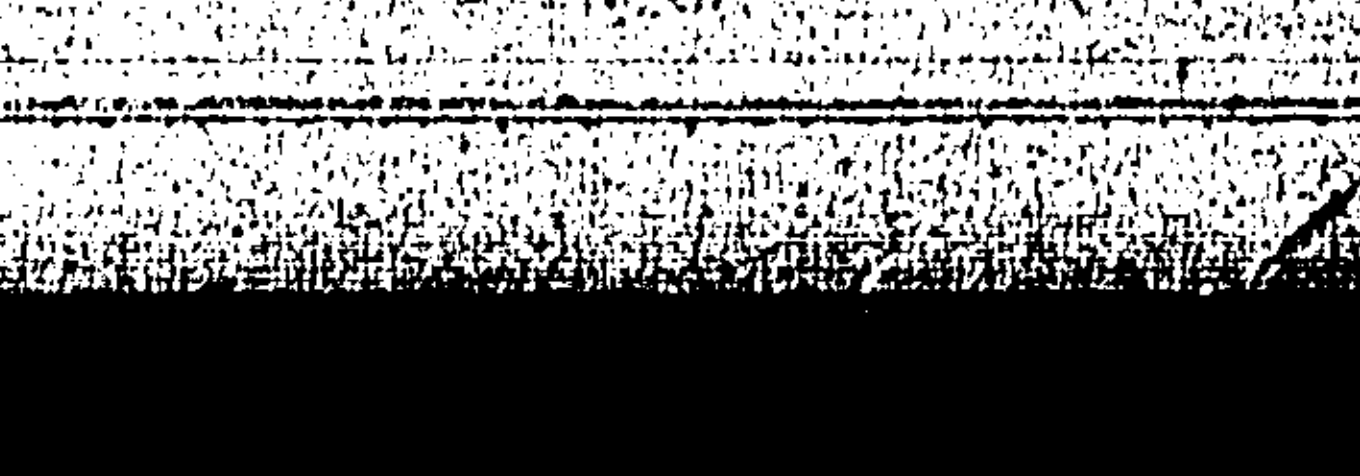
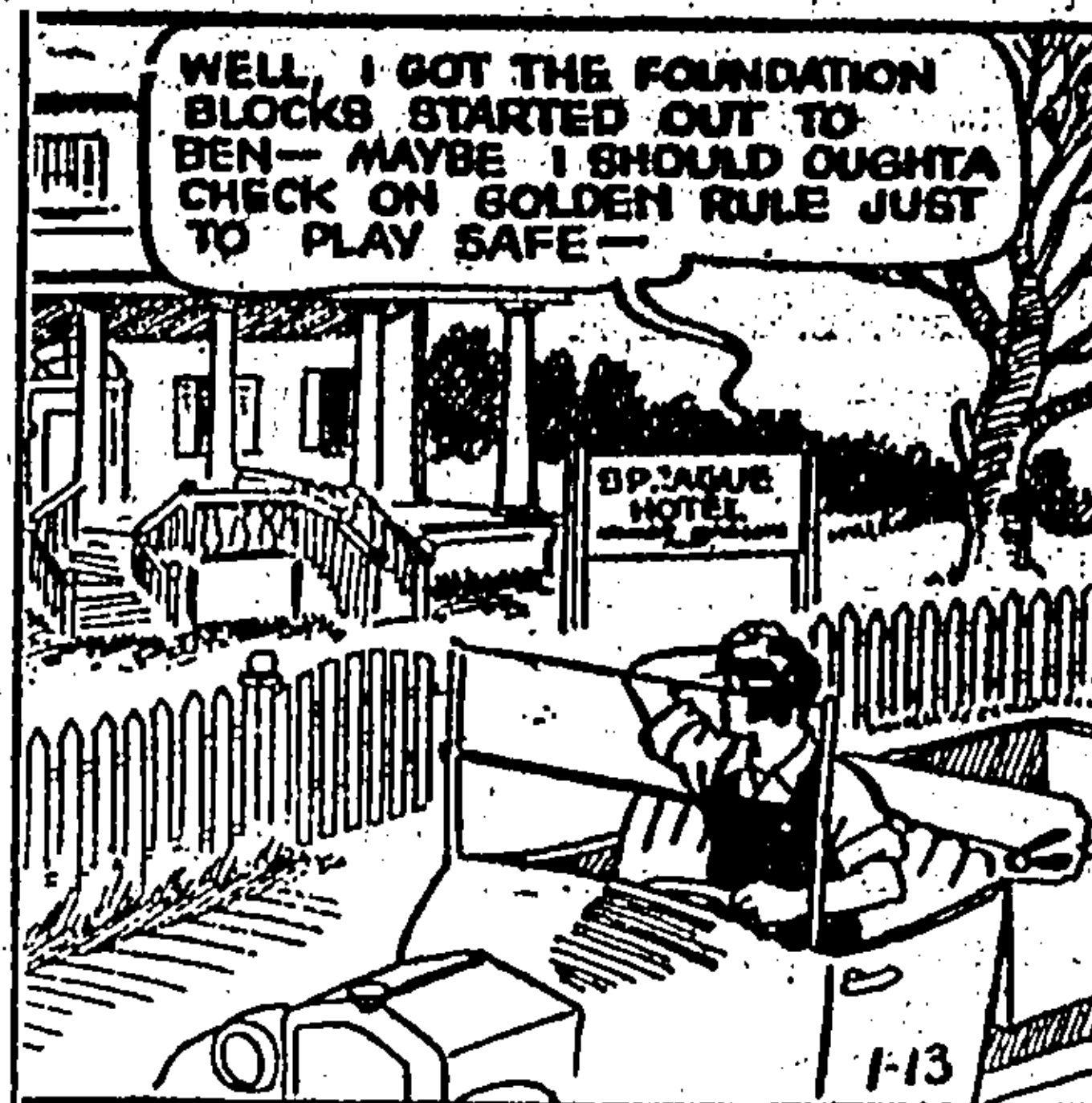
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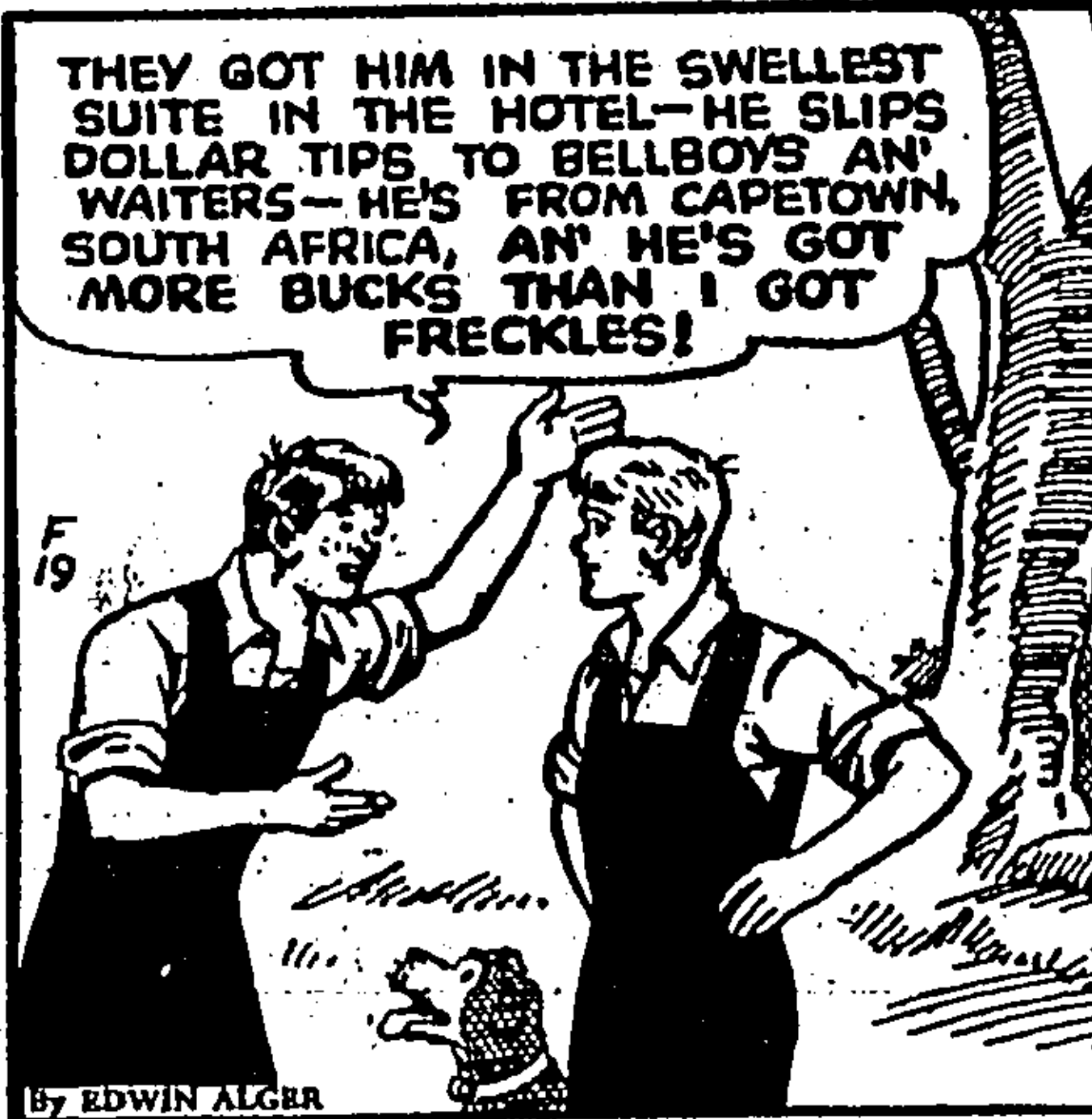
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# BOBBY--FROM 'DOWN UNDER'

All day long the sewing-machines had whirled in Madam Perry's work-rooms and the throb of traffic had come up from below. London pulsed under her worst heat-wave of the summer, panted, wilted a little, sending the thoughts of thousands towards the cool glades of the country.

Among them was Betty Price, gown hand, whose fingers had been busy all day and whose slim young figure had been requisitioned several times as "dummy" for the beautiful clothes they were making for a rich customer who was "just her figure."

It was Friday and the frocks must be delivered that evening. Lucky Thelma Bayes! Oh, it wasn't that Betty was envious, but the week had been trying and the girls flagged. She could not help the wish which came—to have good times, pretty clothes, holidays, love! Such a wish is natural enough to a girl of twenty-two, and Betty had so little in her life beyond work. If only sometimes work might be varied by play! That was all she craved.

"Miss Price!" It was Madam's sharp voice. "I think you go Knightsbridge way, do you not? You could take the dresses, I suppose."

"Oh yes, Madam," said Betty, raising tired eyes.

Madam looked at her. She unbent a little. "You're looking tired, child," she remarked. "Take to-morrow morning off. You've had a hard week."

Betty thanked her gratefully. One long day of freedom would mean that she could take the bus down to the river and sit beside the Thames all day. That would be good. There was no one to take Betty on the river, but she could have the next best thing.

As she walked along the park with the two pretty dresses of which she was making special delivery, the girl's thoughts were tangled. Why did some have so much and others so little? How muddled the world was.

Her peep within the luxurious flat where Thelma lived made a little ache come to her heart. She loved pretty things but there was only drabness in the Earls Court boarding-house which was the only place she could call home. Between Thelma's home and hers was a gulf she could never bridge.

Then Thelma herself, exquisite, pampered Thelma, yet no prettier than was the work-girl who stood at her door. She had come through a far door and had caught sight of Madam Perry's artistic box.

"Oh, my frocks!" she cried. "I wondered when she was sending them! That's good." Then to Betty, "Haven't you better come in and see me try them on?"

Betty stepped, inside. "I expect Madam would be glad to know that they were approved," she said.

"Bring 'em into my bedroom," called Thelma, and led the way. Thereafter there was a rustling of paper, little cries of delight. Customer and work-girl were two Eves with a common thought—clothes and the charm of them.

But from clothes Thelma's interest gradually came to the other girl, young as she was, pretty, slim, but tired-looking and a worker, while she was just a butterfly. She wanted to know something of the other's life.

"Don't you get fed up?" she asked.

Betty smiled. She told of the holiday to come on the morrow. It would be a change from work for once—a whole week-end free. When Thelma asked what she intended to do, she told of her intention to go down to the river.

"Goodness!" cried Thelma, "and there am I simply bored to tears because I've got to go and spend a week-end beside the Thames. It's some Australian friends of my mother's. Mum is away just now, but she settled I should put in a week-end with the Lunn's. I've never met any of them and they don't know me, and I'm sure to be bored. Besides, I specially wanted to be in town this particular week-end."

Her eyes were mutinous. She stared at Betty. Then she jerked forward and her hand caught at Betty's arm. "I say!" she cried. "I've just had a

brain-wave. Why don't you go down to this riverside place of the Lunn's and let me stay in London?"

Betty's brown eyes opened widely. "But—but they haven't asked me," she said. "I don't know them."

"Neither do I know them," laughed Thelma. "It's a duty visit and they wouldn't know it wasn't I if you went and posed for me. What do you say?"

Betty said many things, but Thelma could find something to overrule every objection. "I think it's a perfectly topping plan," she said. "You pretend to be me for a couple of days, have a real good time, and it will do you good. You say you love the river—well I hate it! I'll lend you some frocks—for we're just about the same size, and I'll pay your fare and things like that. Now do be a trump! If you only knew what it means to me to be free this week-end!"

She explained a little. There was a special somebody and she could see him so rarely. With her mother away and the week-end free it would be a most wonderful chance. Wouldn't Betty help her?

Betty, romantic to the core, couldn't resist her when she pleaded like that. Besides, Thelma was so sure that it wouldn't matter. Just a duty visit and a crowd of other people, and nobody

## Short Story — By Joan Kennedy

would dream of suspecting her. She should have some pretty clothes, all she wanted, and she would have a good time. Thelma pictured the Lunn's place as her mother had described it, and Betty could resist no longer.

"If you are quite, quite sure that it would not be cheating . . ." she began.

"Pouff!" cried Thelma. "They won't mind who turns up so that they get their old house-party made strong. They're rolling in money and you'll enjoy yourself."

And then there was a great business of ransacking drawers and fitting out Betty Price to pose as Thelma Bayes. It became a great adventure when one caught Thelma's enthusiasm.

Betty did enjoy herself. There was never any doubt about that. And Bobby Lunn, son of that homely couple who had taken the pretty riverside home for the summer, had more than a little to do with the making of that week-end the most wonderful time in the girl's life. There was only that inner knowledge that she was posing as another which spoiled Betty's radiant enjoyment.

If only she could have been just Betty Price, the dress-maker, instead of pretending to be another girl! But then, if she had come as Betty Price, she told herself, this happiness could not have been hers. They liked her because she was the daughter of a friend, of course, but what would they say if they knew the truth?

Pretty clothes to wear, freedom and pleasure, and always that stalwart, brown-faced young giant, who seemed only too willing to devote himself to making her happy!

Right from the very first moment of their meeting she had known that Bobby Lunn, the young Australian, was her dream knight in the flesh. And Bobby, on his side, well from the way he monopolised a certain young lady whose blue eyes held sunshine, must have felt more than attracted.

And even the old sun seemed to enter into the spirit of that week-end, for he designed to shine his best and the weather was perfect.

Those hours on the river would never be forgotten where Betty was concerned, and every time she caught those twinkly brown eyes watching her she knew a thrill. There had never been anyone to make her heart go bumpetty-bump, bumpetty-bump before, and Betty did not ask herself what it meant. She was content to bask in the sunshine and that adoration she saw in a pair of brown eyes. There was dancing on the Saturday

night and a moon-washed garden leading down to a silvery track. There was tennis next day and river hours. And always there was Bobby Lunn.

"Bobby—from 'down under'," he called himself to her, and told her of the life on the great sheep farm. "We are more free than you are here," he said. "I'd like you to see Australia. Maybe someday . . ." And he had paused, his eyes holding things he dared not say.

Monday morning had come all too soon. They pressed her to stay on. "We'll get through to your mother on the phone," said Mrs. Lunn. But Betty said she must get back. She had engagements in town. It had been very lovely, but she must go. So it was Bobby who drove her to the station.

"I shall see you again soon, very soon," he said as he held her hand much longer than the occasion demanded. "I guess I shall be in town before many days have passed."

Brown eyes told what the lips held back. Betty's face was like a rose and her eyes held a glow which made her look very beautiful. "I'm glad we've met," said Bobby. "Say you are too!"

Betty said it. Bobby took a deep breath. "I'd come up with you for two pins," he said. But just then the

train began to move and he had to be content with the thought of a future meeting. From the platform he watched the train carry her away, and the last thing Betty saw was that tanned young giant with ruffled hair standing bare-headed as the train rushed her back to her real role in life.

Betty Price, gown-hand! Oh, it was all over. If they knew how she had cheated! And Bobby would know when he came up to find her and met the real Thelma Bayes. Thelma would have to explain to him, of course, but she, Betty, would never see him again.

"Oh!" She caught her breath, knowing then that here lay her punishment. She had met the one man in the world whom she could love—did already love—and when he knew what she had done he would dislike her. Men like Bobby would never forgive deceit. He was so open and above-board. Besides, she was only a working-girl and he was the son of rich parents who could give him everything he wanted. Well, she had had her one glorious hour of life, and now she must pay for it. Only the paying was so hard when it meant tearing from one's heart a dream.

There were tears in Betty's eyes as she stepped from the train at Paddington and made her way to the West-End work-room. Sweet though the memory was of that wonderful week-end, she knew that it would be a bitter-sweet memory, hurting as well as giving joy. And, as the next two days passed, that knowledge was driven home many times.

She knew only too well what had happened to her. She had lost her heart to Bobby and they would never meet again.

Well, she deserved it. "I should never have gone," she told herself. "It was all wrong. I ought not to have listened to Thelma Bayes."

But, though she reminded herself over and over again that she deserved to be punished for deceiving kindly people, that did not lessen the ache at her heart, nor minimise that inner longing. The only beautiful thing left to her was a memory—a memory of a wonderful week-end. Often she found herself day-dreaming in the workroom as the week began to slip away.

It grew hotter than ever. She thought of the river with longing—the river and someone with a very brown face and twinkling eyes who looked superb in flannels.

It was Thursday afternoon when Madam came into the workroom and spoke to her.

"Miss Price, I want you to go along to see what is the matter about those gowns you took to Miss Bayes. She has asked for you, as you seem to be about her figure, but she doesn't explain exactly what is wrong. Maybe it's something quite small—a trivial alteration you could do on the spot if you took your things along with you. As a rule, she isn't so finicky over her clothes. We usually manage to satisfy her absolutely. So do your best, child, and if you can fix things do so. I hate having my gowns returned for alterations."

Betty's heart leapt. She told herself as she made her way towards Knightsbridge that she might hear news of Bobby. If he had been up to town Thelma would tell her. Somehow, she felt sure that he would have been. She could not forget the way he had looked when he had said goodbye at the station.

"But if he has been he will know now what a cheat I was!" she thought. "Perhaps he already hates me for doing what I did."

For, of course, Thelma would have to explain.

Her heart did not beat quite so quickly when she realised that, when she pictured the disgust of Bobby, she was quite sure that he would be disgusted—a young man who was so straight and decent himself.

Reaching the flat she was told by the maid that her young mistress had been obliged to go out.

"But she had left a note for you and I was to be sure to keep you until she came back. It was most important, she said."

So Betty was shown into the drawing-room and the note was given her by the smiling maid. "Make yourself comfortable!" she advised.

Betty opened her note. Thelma's sprawling handwriting stared up at her, the words dancing. But out of the web of lines she could decipher one word—Bobby. In another minute she saw clearly, read what was written.

"That young Bobby has been up here after you," wrote Thelma, "and I've had to tell him the truth. There was nothing else to be done when he came here and discovered me. I'm afraid I didn't do as substitute." I saw that. Well, nothing would satisfy him but that I must get you here. He insisted that he must see you. So I made up a tale about the frocks to Madam, and asked for you to be sent along. We can kid her over that bit of it quite easily. The rest is up to you."

Betty stared at the words. "The rest is up to you!" What did Thelma mean?

She sat down. In the distance she heard a bell ring. Her heart was knocking again. So Bobby knew and he had asked to see her. Why? Would he show that he despised her, or . . .

The door opened.

Someone with a very brown face came into the room, eyes twinkling, jaw out-thrust in that determined way which Betty knew and secretly loved. Try as she would she could not hide the glad light which sprang to her eyes just then, nor could she control the flush which stained her cheeks.

Bobby saw—even before he had closed the door. It clicked and he was across the room.

"So she got you to come!"

He seemed to reach her in two strides, then he was towering above her, penning her in with his arms on the arms of her chair.

"I had to see you!" he said. "Oh, kiddie!"

He slipped to his knees and his hands caught hers. Oh, he had a way with him, had that young Australian, and there was no resisting him. You just felt that you wanted those warm, firm hands to hold yours for ever and ever, amen.

Those twinkling eyes—but behind their twinkle something which made your heart do strange things. Knock, knock!

Who's there?

"Oh, kiddie! he said again. "You've just got me all ways. Say now . . ."

But what Betty was to say she never knew, for the next moment Bobby had taken her in his arms and was holding her so close to himself that to . . .

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# STOKING UP THE CENSOR

There was another censorship muddle during the week-end.

Or rather, this time, it was an attempt by an outside body to misuse the censorship.

An LNER Press officer tried to brighten the bare announcement of Easter traffic plans by suggesting, "Coal will take a short holiday" — to allow trains to carry holiday-makers.

The story was sent out nationally. Then someone on the Railway Executive Committee—which runs railway services in wartime — saw the story, realised that it would cause public indignation, on top of the recent coal muddle. In any case, it was incorrect: coal trains will take precedence over all but military traffic.

The LNER rang the newspapers in haste, begged them not to use the story. That was all right (tho' no reason was given).

But then a member of the Railway Executive Committee rang the censorship, asked that stories submitted on this subject be stopped.

This was by no means all right. There was nothing in the story that was censorable. Indeed, no newspaper would have submitted it to the censorship.

Neither had the censorship any right to place its machinery at the committee's disposal.

In itself the incident is not particularly important; it was simply a case of officials losing their heads. But it shows what some people think the censorship is, and what they would like it to be.

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"One reason why the French & the English understand one another so little is that in England you can think anything you like so long as you behave like everybody else, while in France you can do pretty well anything you choose so long as you think like your neighbours."

That is a shrewd remark from Somerset Maugham's booklet, "France at War," published yesterday—a readable sketch, tho' I feel that Maugham is not quite so comfortable when he is praising continuously as when there are opportunities for satire.

When he has to deal in patriotism, heroism & such, his style sinks astonishingly: in 5 lines we read that Frenchmen have "set their teeth," are "going to see it through," will fight "to the bitter end."

The tired phrase "strangely uncanny" occurs at least twice.

Perhaps playwrights like Maugham succumb to cliché more readily than other writers of comparable brilliance; for clichés must be used much

## BOBBY—FROM 'DOWN UNDER'

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talk was next to impossible. And how could any girl try to talk when her heart was doing those ridiculous gymnastics?

"I love you, little dear! I love you!" She heard. Not one word did he say of her deceit—only that he loved her. As for Betty — well! she had known where her own heart had flown for several days.

Closer yet those warm arms held, then his lips came claiming, and nothing mattered then in the pulsing sweetness of love confessed without another word being spoken.

Over some things Bobby was a very greedy young man.

It was much later that a starry-eyed girl said, "But I'm only a working girl, Bobby."

"You're the girl I love," was his answer. "That's all that matters to me. Thank heaven, I'm no class snob, nor am I mum and dad. They liked you, girlie. They want me to win you."

Betty gave a lovely deep sigh of sheer content. She remembered Bobby's parents with a throb of happiness. She could not understand why all this had come to her.

But as the lips of her lover claimed again she forgot to wonder. Sometimes life was very, very kind to a girl.

In stage dialogue, since we live by them in daily conversation . . . And what a defence they are, what a shield against serious thought or talk!

But Maugham is at his best when he is tearing some pretentiousness to pieces. Another small book by him—"Books & You"—was also published yesterday. In it he describes lunching at a rich woman's house in Hawaii:—

. . . She received me in a Callot dress (the sisters Callot being then the most fashionable dressmakers in Paris), wearing a pearl chain which must cost fifty thousand pounds, but

By  
William Hickey

no shoes or stockings. "You see," she said, pointing to her bare feet, "here we lead the simple life." I thought it a pity they had bunions on them.

That is true Maugham.

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Congratulations to R Mursell, Parish Council employee at Bembridge: he asked for a rise of wages, got it.

His job is to keep a memorial fountain clean & tidy. His wages were formerly 6d a week; now that cost of

living has gone up, they are giving him 1d a week more.

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I travelled up to Scotland the other night in a crowded leave-train: for the first time this war I heard soldiers singing really full-throatedly.

It was an old Army song—"In the Quartermaster's Store"—which has lately been revived, "decontaminated," marketed with immense success. These words, constantly repeated, drowned the Euston train-noises:—

My eyes are dim, I cannot see,  
I have not brought my specs with me. . . .

The tune sounded to me as if it had once belonged to a Salvationist or some other Evangelical hymn.

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Other newspapers have been generous in their tributes to colleague St. John Cooper, who recently reported having caught a 30½lb pike in Berkshire.

The News of the World called this "a glorious specimen," awarded Cooper its prize rod. The Lincolnshire Standard said he had "set the country alight."

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Just in time for Easter, a film company has, in the last few days, been sending out its 1939 Christmas present — perhaps the latest Christmas present in history.

The present is a motoring map of Britain — a magnificent sectional



Helen Gilbert and Mickey Rooney in "Andy Hardy Gets Spring Fever." The picture starts a run at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow.

## NEUTRALS USE CONVOY

London, To-day. Increasing use of the British convoy system is revealed in figures from the Government Departments concerned.

During the month of March alone, 1140 neutral ships had sailed in convoy while from September 3 to February 29, only 1,075 had used this protection. The reason for this vastly increased use of convoys is not far to seek when it is remembered that whereas 181 unconvoyed neutral ships have been sunk with a loss of over 1,200 lives, of those escorted by the Allied Navy only three fell victim to enemy action with a total loss of five lives. — British Wireless.

## U.S. LOAN TO FINLAND

Washington, To-day. Mr. Jesse Jones, the Federal Loan Administrator, announces that he is asking Congress for authority to use part of the \$20,000,000 loan to Finland for reconstruction work in Finland. — Reuter.

## BRITISH RIGHTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day. "It is impossible for Britain to relinquish her rights as a belligerent and it must be fully understood that she will exercise them when occasion arises," declared authoritative quarters commenting on the statement of the Japanese Admiralty spokesman that the Japanese Government was strongly opposed to extension of the blockade to the proximity of Japan and that it considered undesirable the movements of British cruisers in Far Eastern waters. — Havas.

## WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has merged into another which has rapidly developed over North China, pressure being now highest over the Yangtze Valley.

Yesterday's depression has probably passed into the Pacific, and another is situated over the south part of the Sea of Japan, moving north-eastward.



"So you're a commander in the Board of Trade? I've just been made a colonel in the Ministry of Supply."

thing which doesn't bother you by having to be unfolded & refolded: instead, you press a magical gadget at the side, & the required section slides into view in a frame.

Recipients' only criticism is that it would have been more useful if donors had sent out small cars too; with some petrol.

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Nature-note, from reader Ann Thomas, Bright's Cottage, Christian Malford, Wilts:—

I found first primrose March 1, and yesterday the first coltsfoot, almost my favourite. Rooks are building. Beaufort Hunt killed a fox two fields away from this cottage. . . .

Nature-noter Ann is daughter of nature-poet Edward Thomas, a few lines by whom those of you who live near London should by now have read on an attractive new Underground poster. "I wish I could come to London," she says, "and feel the thrill of seeing it about in tube stations—no-one knowing that he was my father who wrote those simple lines!"

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Mussolini to Hitler, perhaps: "You've brought us to a pretty pass!"

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**FINLAND'S BLACK DAY**—These pictures just received in London from Helsinki, show scenes in that city when the Finns after weeks of brilliant fighting came to peace terms with the Russians. Photo shows the Foreign Minister, M. Tanner, facing an army of home and foreign correspondents, who grimly take down the details of the peace terms to pass on to the world. (Copyright, Fox).



Reading the news giving details of the peace terms. (Copyright, Fox).

## NEUTRAL PROTESTS TO BERLIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Dutch Minister in Berlin will hand to the German Government a strong protest against the machine-gunning of Dutch fishing boats by German planes.

During a meeting of the Chamber of Deputies, Deputy Woudenberg asked the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Defence whether the Government would consider organising a convoy system for fishing craft.

Deputy van Kampen asked for confirmation that Holland had granted Germany permission to resume the air service between Berlin and Amsterdam and further asked if the authorisation given Germany was in the best interests of Holland as Germany flatly refused to allow the Dutch K.L.M. air line to participate in the service.

Van Kampen also demanded that the terminal airport of the Berlin-

Amsterdam line be placed under strict military surveillance in order to assure the control of letters and parcels destined for abroad. — Havas.

### SWEDISH NOTE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Sweden has sent a strong note to Germany protesting against the torpedoing of the freighters, Dalarge Liana and Osmed, on February 12 and 16, the Foreign Ministry announced.

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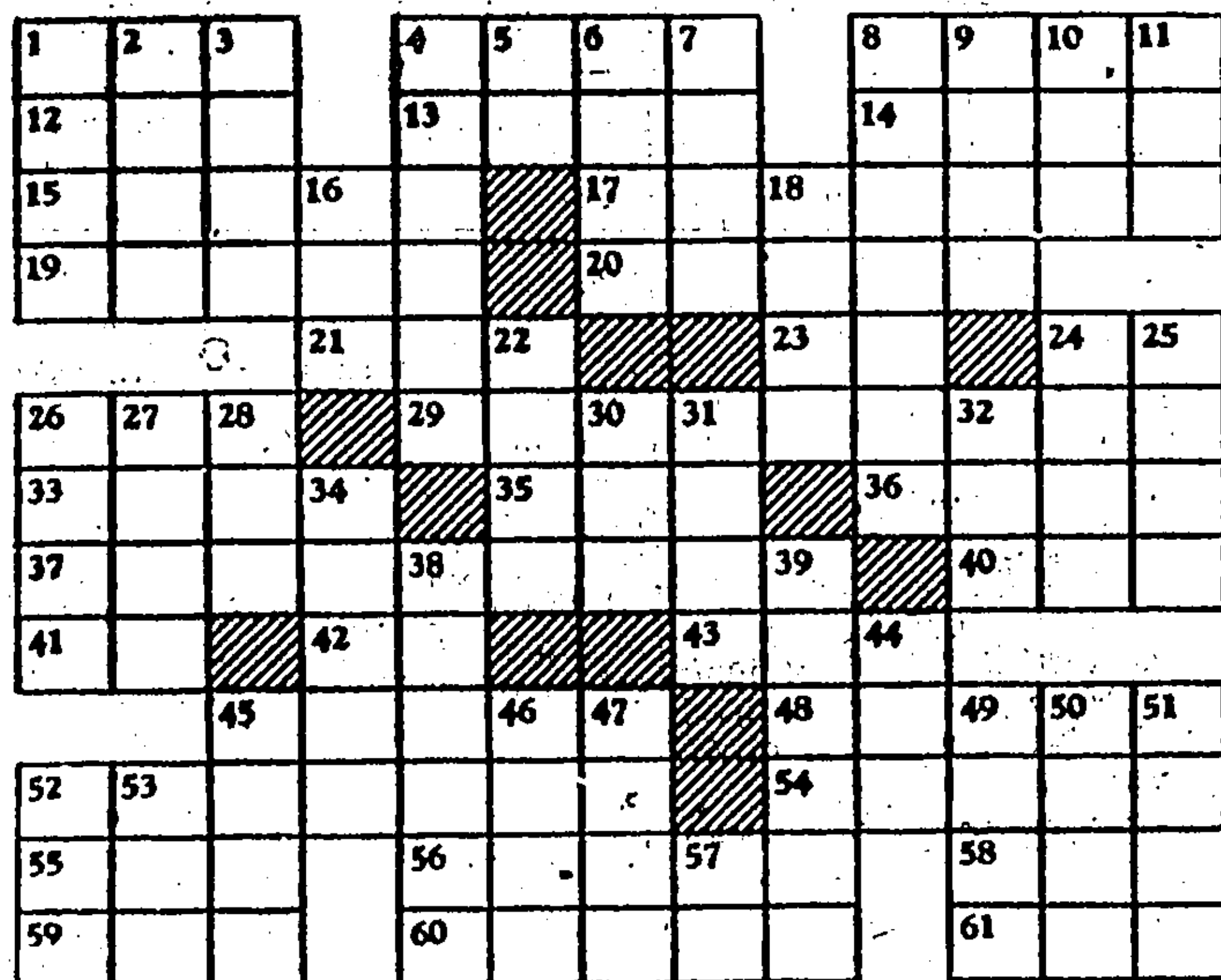
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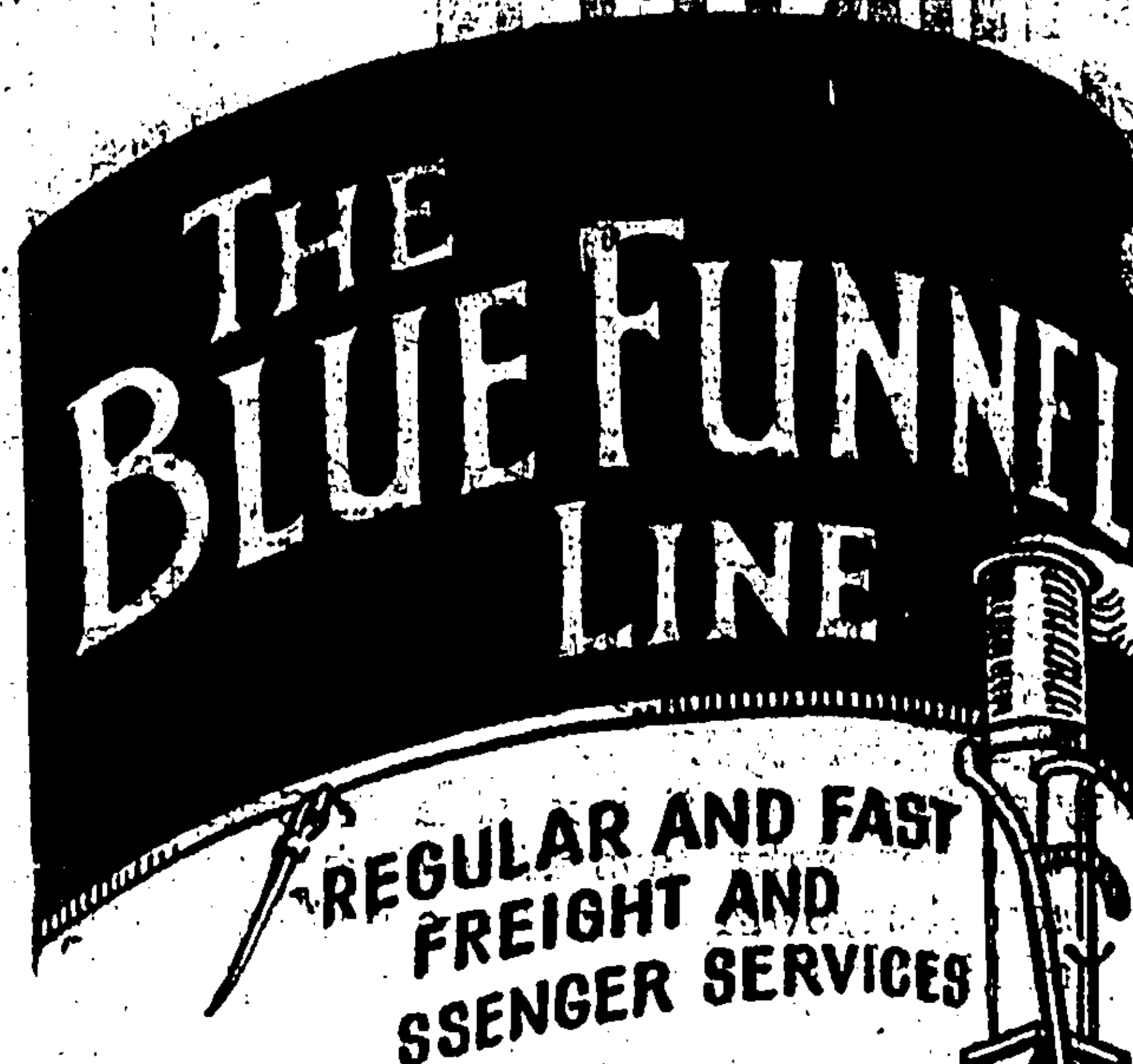
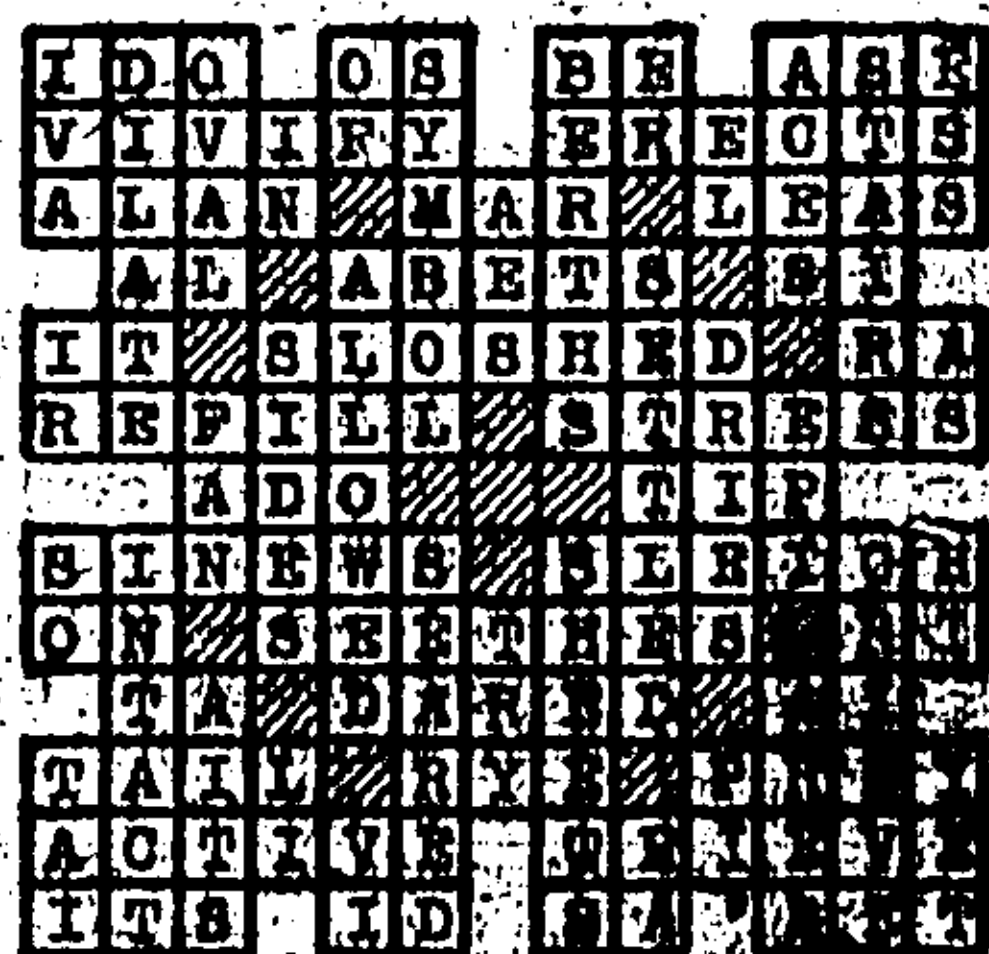
#### HORIZONTAL

- 1 To wander
- 4 To cease
- 8 A tax
- 12 Former
- Turkish title
- 13 Anglo-Indian weight
- 14 African antelope
- 15 To burn slightly
- 17 Unimaginative
- 19 Card game
- 20 Tapestry
- 21 Beverage
- 23 Part of "to be"
- 24 Pronoun
- 26 Bustle
- 29 Threw into confusion
- 33 Cleft fissure
- 35 Palm leaf
- 36 Unusual
- 37 Spies
- 40 Were victorious
- 41 By
- 42 Hebrew letter
- 43 Greek letter
- 45 Bounding lines
- 48 Poisonous snake
- 52 To go before

#### VERTICAL

- 1 Convulsive
- 2 Discourt
- 3 Damp
- 4 Metric
- measures
- 5 Preposition
- 6 Spanish cooking vessel
- 7 To match
- 8 Ship
- 9 Hearts
- 10 Anglo-Saxon money
- 11 Hindu cymbals
- 16 To acquire
- 18 Snare
- 22 Small particle
- 24 Conqueror
- 25 Biblical garden
- 26 Operatic solo
- 27 Efficacy
- 28 Preposition
- 30 Beverage
- 31 Equine
- 32 Kind of bird
- 34 Item
- 38 To reclaim
- 39 Commences
- 44 Fruit drink
- 45 Transmitted
- 46 Drink
- 47 To wither
- 49 Capable
- 50 Sup. of
- 51 Tall, coarse grass stem
- 52 Church bench
- 53 Fish eggs
- 57 French conjunction

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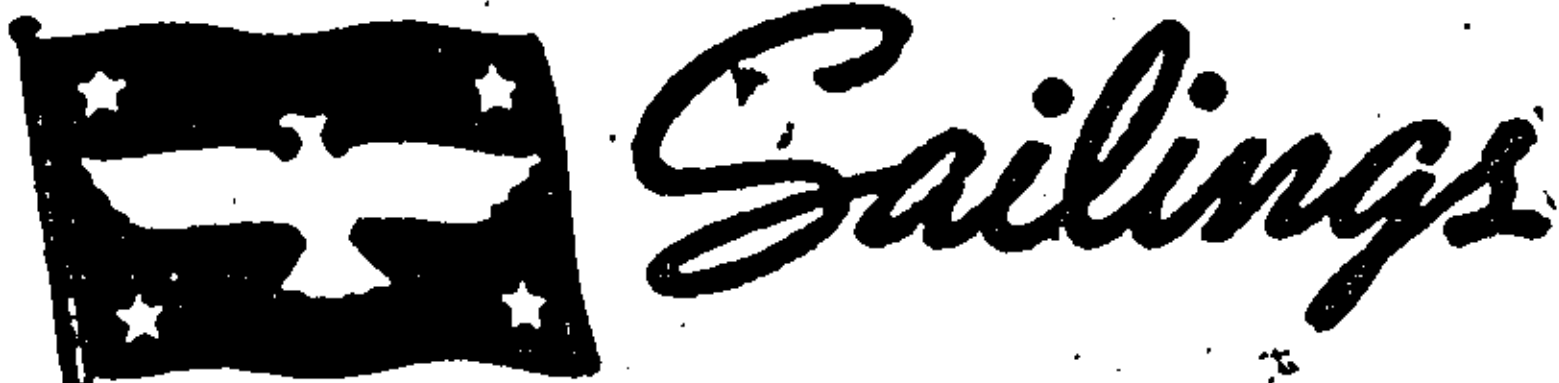
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## INTER-ALLIED TRADE FACILITY

London, To-day.

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These steps have been taken within the framework of the special economic and financial arrangements in force between the British and French Governments. — Reuter.

## CONTRABAND CONTROL

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IT IS LEARNED FROM AUTHORITY SOURCES THAT THE CARGOES OF 498 SHIPS, EXCLUSIVE OF VESSELS COMING FROM THE FAR EAST, WERE CONSIDERED IN CONTRABAND CONTROL BASES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN DURING MARCH.

One patrol area alone, during two months, boarded 288 ships for inspection of papers and communicated with 698 ships by signal.

Some were diverted to the control bases but most were allowed to proceed without delay. — Reuter.

## LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted at 20 3/16 spot and 20 3/16 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was £—U.S.\$402.50 and New York/London £—U.S.\$3.57-3/8.

Appearing before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, master of trading junk No. T3068H, Mak King-lam, was fined \$300 for unlawful possession of 40 sticks of dynamite.

## ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADY")

THE problem of entering a C. S. Units team in any event has always been a difficult one to solve as there are so many different Units to be taken into consideration. The Cricketers are the most fortunate in that they have a team which almost picks itself, apart from which they have a considerable number of senior ranks who lend their support.

Rugby, Athletics, Swimming and Boxing are not quite so well supported, however, and, as the standard of play is much more even in various Units, great difficulty is often experienced in selecting teams. The latter factor will produce a team but lack of support is a different matter. Athletics and Boxing are the chief sufferers in this respect.

Regarding Boxing, each separate Unit has not sufficient talent to form a team of its own with the result that they have no training facilities of their own; therefore the first point is that they cannot bring out new talent. Which means that only experienced Boxers from each Unit could be used for a team. Providing these people all fit exactly into the weights required everything would be alright but this undoubtedly would be a very remarkable coincidence.

Second point is a question of organisation. A keen officer or senior rank would be required to organise the formation of training facilities and selection of teams which, owing to lack of interest in most Units, would be a colossal task. It really seems as though we can never expect to see the Small Units represented in this department of sport unless enough enthusiasm could be whipped up to run a Small Units Boxing competition and provide training facilities for all of those wishing to enter. This would mean very early preparation and the finding of some born organiser with the heart of a Lion. Any volunteers?

ATHLETICS are almost in the same plight. The Signals represented the C. S. Units in last year's Army Athletic meeting but they had great difficulty in forming a team. Competitors were doing four or five events on the same day which could only have one result, they were well out of the running. However the spirit was excellent and this year an attempt was made once again to form a team. This time Small Units were asked to collaborate in holding a C. S. Units Athletic meeting with the view of forming a team worthy of competing in the Army meeting on April 23. The Army secretary for Athletics extended the closing date for team entries in order that the Signals could circulate other Units regarding the proposal. Unfortunately, however, the other Units were unable to support the project for various reasons and unless Signals can once more make a big effort it seems as though C. S. Units will miss yet another event.

30TH Bty R. A. have certainly distinguished themselves in their first year in Second Division of the Football League. Undoubtedly they have a fine team and fully deserved to win the Junior Shield when they defeated R. E. last week. Even if R. E. had been able to include Moxham I do not think it would have altered the result.

Sappers will go all out to beat South China on Saturday, when they meet to decide the championship of Second Division. Moxham will still be an absentee but if Sappers hit their form they should win. They will certainly not need any urging to go all out from the start this time!

CORRIGAN of R. Scots is to be congratulated on his fine win in the Kowloon Marathon on Wednesday, while Lewis, of the Signals, surprised everyone by his fine running. The second place which he gained was a fitting tribute to his effort. Sutherland, of the Scots, did not uphold the expectations of those who saw him run in the Army cross-country run but he was a good third and was not disgraced.





The India team which defeated United States in the International Softball Series.



A general view of the shooting at 800 yards at the Bisley Meeting.



Lady MacGregor, wife of the Chief Justice, presenting the Junior Shield to Halpin, captain of the 30th Battery team who beat Royal Engineers in the final.

### NEW POST IN AMERICAN NAVY DEPARTMENT

Washington, To-day. President Roosevelt and his naval advisers have agreed that the Navy's administration should be reorganised to provide, inter alia, a new post of Under-Secretary of the Navy and Bureau of Ships.

The present bureaux of engineering construction and repairs will be consolidated to form a new bureau.

A Bill to effect the reorganisation will be introduced in Congress.—Reuter.

### LACK OF SUPPORT IN STOCK MARKET

London, To-day. The Stock Exchange opened quietly steady yesterday but later tended to ease on lack of support, though gold-mining shares resisted the down trend. After the close I.C.I. declared a final dividend of five per cent., thereby maintaining the year's distribution of eight per cent.

Wall Street was firm and active.—Reuter.

## CONTRABAND CONTROL IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney, To-day. Contraband control bases in Australia will start working next Monday.

Announcing this, the Australian Minister for Customs and Trade, said that these measures are intended to relieve the pressure on contraband bases in Britain and France.—Reuter.

### JOINT SELLING OF ALLIED COCOA

London, To-day. The Colonial Office announces that the British and French Governments have adopted a joint selling policy for West African cocoa in foreign markets.

The agreement is regarded as the first result of Mr. Malcolm Macdonald's talks with M. Georges Mandel in Paris.—Reuter.



A tussle in Eastern's goalmouth during the final of the Senior Shield competition against South China "A" last Sunday.



Traditional honours for the winner of the Governor's Cup at the Bisley Meet. Lt. Le Secleux being chaired by fellow competitors.



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# BAFFIN BAY'S CHALLENGE IN TWO MILES EVENT

*Far View Likely To Be Beaten Once Again*

## FOR ALL TIME AND CELTIC STAR FOR TO-MORROW'S DOUBLE

(By "RAPIER")

THE THIRD EXTRA Race Meeting under the auspices of Hong Kong Jockey Club will be held to-morrow, and, given fine weather, it should attract a large crowd. The programme will consist of nine events, with two races specially reserved for Novice jockeys.

The Brisbane Spring Handicap will constitute the main event. It will be contested by Australian Subscription ponies of any season, and for the first time within racing experience, they will be called on to travel over the full distance of two miles. A surprise winner is likely to be in store.

### RACE NO. 1—CANTON HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN.

The curtain rises with this event for "D" Class China ponies, with Novice jockeys as pilots, and a most interesting race should ensue. Chatterbox (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai), by virtue of its recent win, when it dead-heated with Phoenix in the Taiwan Bay Handicap (One mile), will no doubt be in big demand. I, however, prefer Wilber (Mr. Ho Hong-ping), winner of the Pokfulam Handicap over the same distance. On that performance Wilber should win, but West Lake (Mr. S. W. Lee) is also dangerous, as it only lost to Wilber by a short head, but for those who are looking for an outsider I would recommend bearing Soldier of China (Mr. R. K. C. Chui) in mind.

This Time (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming), which ran third to Chatterbox, has had its weight reduced 2 lbs. and on that account it will probably have a say in the finish. Some Hope (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan), which was third in the same race with Wilber, is not altogether out of the running, as this pony is better suited to a hard track.

### RACE NO. 2—BRISBANE SPRING HANDICAP: TWO MILES.

This is the main event of the afternoon and will feature the return encounter between Sapper (Mr. Davis) and Far View (Mr. Pih).

Far View has again been given top weight of 165 lbs., whereas Sapper has gone up 3 lbs. in weight i. e. 163 lbs. It will be recalled that in the previous race in which these two ponies clashed Far View led on coming down the straight until after passing the two-mile post, when Sapper, cleverly ridden by Mr. Davis, produced a better finish to win by a length.

Taking all the relevant factors into consideration Far View will in all probability suffer its second defeat.

Baffin Bay, now owned by Mr. T. K. Li, will be carrying 4 lbs. less to-morrow and, with a change of jockey in Mr. Needa, a win for it is not altogether out of the question. Baffin Bay is pretty well known for its stamina, and in a race over this distance it has a glorious opportunity of winning its first race for its new owner.

Sparrow (Mr. Black), for its third placing behind Sapper, is down by 1 lb., but the distance is against it and I think we can leave it alone.

Amicus Curiae (Mr. B. L. Tao) has been preparing for this gruelling race for sometime, so much so that it did not start at the last meeting although entered. This pony is definitely a long distance racer, and I am sure it will be prominent at the finish. There is also Triumphant Day (Mr. H. M. Botelho) to be reckoned with as it will be carrying only

135 lbs. It is liable to cause an upset here.

### RACE NO. 3—FATSHAN HANDI- CAP (FIRST SECTION): 1 1/4 MILES.

This race will be contested by first section "C" Class China ponies with a proviso that griffins of this season that have won less than \$1,000 in stakes are barred. Guinness Time, which will be taken out by Mr. S. W. Pan to-morrow, ran extremely well at the last Meeting when carrying 168 lbs. to win the Kellett Handicap (Second Section) over the mile, but as it will be running with ponies of higher standard, I don't think we need to worry about its chances of repeating a win here.

I fancy the chance of its stable-mate, Just In Time (Mr. P. Y. T. Wei), although it has not done anything of note to date. A strong challenge will come from Galveston Bay, which will have the services of Mr. Needa. Musketeer (Mr. Liang) and Oak Bay, (recently demoted from "B" Class) have been allotted top weight of 163 lbs., and in view of the long distance it is doubtful whether either of them will be prominent.

On the other hand, National Pride (Mr. S. W. Tang), with the light weight of 140 lbs., should not be disregarded as the pony is good enough to last out this distance and win. Boolat Bay will probably find the distance against it, but Rose-Queen (Mr. Ip Kui Ying) may be worth following for a win and place.

### RACE NO. 4: HOBERT HANDICAP: ONE MILE.

In this race for "B" Class Australian ponies, Murrumbidgee (Mr. Black), which won the Calliope Handicap over 1-1/4 miles at the last Meeting, has been penalised 10 lbs. and for this reason alone I think its chances of winning again are rather remote. Among the entries, and judging by past results, I look to Ascot Day (Mr. L. B. Chao) to win, but it will be seriously challenged by Cockleroi (Mr. Needa), which has been demoted from "A" Class and which used to be good over this distance. Happy Landings (Mr. Davis) is another pony to watch, but it may disappoint again, whilst Vixen Tor (Mr. Proulx) is not bad over this distance.

### RACE NO. 5: KONGMUN HANDICAP: FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN.

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double," and will be contested by China griffins of this season that have not won more than \$1,000 in stakes. Johnber (Mr. Chao), for its win in the Mrs Bay Stakes at the last Meeting over the mile, has been penalised 17 lbs. and in view of its last performance it will undoubtedly command the most attention. It has certainly a good chance of scoring a win again.

I expect Oonagh (Mr. Needa), which



was third in this same race, to put up a better fight. Mr. Peter Wei has the choice of Distinctive Time and For All Time, and as the latter is carrying weight per inches I think he will probably take it out, in which case it should be very near at the finish as the pony is improving in its morning outings. Hughber will be in charge of Mr. H. M. Botelho, and this combination may be worth following for a place.

### RACE NO. 6: ST. KILDA HANDICAP: ONE MILE.

This race is confined to "D" Class Australian ponies and, judging from past performances, Amber II, which will again be taken out by Mr. S. W. Pan, will probably do better over this distance and a win here is quite possible. Real opposition should come from Income Tax (Mr. Liang). After its disappointing run at the last meeting Piccadilly Jim (Mr. Poy) has been demoted to the present class, and, although it may not be well supported, it should not be neglected as this pony runs quite well at morning gallops.

Mr. Chao will take out Brown Derby and it has been whispered that this pony stands a good chance of scoring a win here.

Shuttlecock will again be taken out by Mr. Black, but I don't think it will be dangerous although the pony has been coming along very nicely.

### RACE NO. 7: FATSHAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): 1 1/4 MILES

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double" and will be contested by second section "C" Class China ponies. Celtic Star (Mr. B. L. Tao) has to carry 3 lbs. more for its win in the Sub-Griffins Spring Handicap over 1 1/4 miles. Advancing Time (Mr. L. B. Chao), which came in second to Guinness Time in the Kellett Handicap over the mile, is also up 3 lbs. These two are the best among the entries, and the former is very much at home over this distance.

Strathbannock (Mr. Black) has been most disappointing in its last two outings, and I doubt if it can do better than place to-morrow.

Soldier of Britain (Mr. P. P. Botelho) put up a very good show at the last Meeting to come fourth on a soft track, and should the course be firm to-morrow I am sure this old warrior will stage a comeback which may prove profitable for those who follow it again.

### RACE NO. 8: BROKEN HILL HAN- DICAP: SIX FURLONGS.

This race is for Australian ponies of this season that have not won \$1,000 in stakes, and the likely winner should come from one of the following:—

Many Thanks (Mr. Davis), Franklin (Mr. Needa), Fair Chance (Mr. Proulx), Flying Dutchman (Mr. Hearne). For its win in the Collardie Stakes from the 1-1/2 mile post at the last Meeting Many Thanks has been penalised 20 lbs., but in view of the short distance, I don't think this extra weight will stop it from winning again. Franklin, which was second in this same race, has gone up 11 lbs. in weight, but as it was convincingly beaten by Many Thanks last time out it can only be placed again. Fair Chance is the danger here, although it came in third in the above race, as this pony has been behaving quite well in morning gallops following the last Meeting. Flying Dutchman is quite fast away from the gate, but as it will be carrying 162 lbs. I doubt if it will last the distance.

### RACE NO. 9: CANTON HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN.

The last race of the day, which is confined to second section "D" Class China ponies, will again ridden by Novice jockeys, and on its last showing, when it came third to Fei Ying, in the Taiwan Bay Handicap (Second section) over a mile, Double Chance, which will be ridden by Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai seems to be the logical choice here, though Ascot Vale, which was made red hot favourite at the last meeting when Fei Ying was the winner, will be handled by Mr. Sequiera and may prove a danger.

Golden Cow (Mr. Chiu Ki Fan) was a distinct failure when it ran unplaced last time out, and if Mr. Chiu should try and adopt the same tactics of a runaway win I am not at all sure about its chances of winning. There is Valorous (Mr. Sleep), however, to be reckoned with. This pony ran very well to win the Gin Drinkers Bay Handicap over half a mile, although it was then carrying 155 lbs. whereas to-morrow its weight has come down to 145 lbs. on account of its promotion to "D" Class. Emergency Call (Mr. R. M. Wood) may prove dangerous, although it failed to win at Fanling the last time out, but I believe it is about due for a win.

### RETIREMENT REGRETTED

The announcement regarding Mr. L. Dunbar's retirement, at least for the present, from active participation in local racing, has been read with widespread regrets. From all sides I have heard nothing but the highest tribute paid to this popular owner, whose local Turf interest dates back a considerable period. Mr. Dunbar can lay claim to have achieved outstanding successes, and in years past it was invariably his candidates which figured prominently in the Hong Kong Derby and other classic events. I have always found Mr. Dunbar most genial whenever approached regarding racing matters, and I take this opportunity to thank him for many courtesies received, and to wish him good luck.

### Fair Chance Gives Trouble In Training

Mr. B. A. Proulx was thrown by Fair Chance, belonging to Weetoo, this morning after passing the Rock-in the course of its final gallop for to-morrow's meeting.

Luckily, he suffered nothing more than a slight shake-up, and he was able to walk back to the Paddock, where he remounted and came out to finish the gallop.

## MACAO RACES

Following are the entries for Macao Race Meeting on April 14:—

"Chung Shan Stakes":—Country Flower, Coureur Bleu, Fairy Auk, Fairy Ousel, Hogmanay and Wood Nymph.  
"Jockey Cup":—Cairnsmore, Dick Turpin, Pumelo, Quick Despatch, Tarzan and Zodiak.

"Chinshan Handicap" (1st and 2nd Sections):—Copper Idol, Dow Jones, Gallant Marshal, Heddon, Labour Day, Lucky Eleven, Mac's Adventure, National Anthem, New Bedford, National Dignity, Old Fashioned, Persian Cat, Popular Star, Sports Venture, Sunshine Susie, The Tigress and Wild Bear.

"Hin Wang Cup":—Borey, Double Chance, Fei Ying, Gold Coin, Jack O'Lantern, Night View, Plain View, Talkative and Tim.  
"Shakki Handicap":—Cloudy Star, Double-Up, Eagle, Iron Knight, Merry Maker, Rothesay Bay, Spirit of St. Louis and Sports Gesture.



# ELLIOT'S GREAT SWAN-SONG

## Wins His Last Bout To Give Regt. Victory

### BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

There was a very good five game Duck Pin match played in the Alleys between the Alley Team and U.S.S. "Tulsa" on March 28, the Alley Team again winning, by 80 pins. This is not a very big margin but it clearly demonstrates the slight superiority of the Alley Team over their doughty opponents of the "Tulsa".

On the occasion of the above match the individual scores were as follows:—

| ALLEY TEAM    |     |     |     |     |          |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
|               | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th Ttl. |
| H. Blount     | 108 | 105 | 91  | 94  | 100 498  |
| J. S. Landolt | 93  | 119 | 81  | 95  | 97 488   |
| J. H. Watts   | 96  | 87  | 93  | 76  | 87 448   |
| G. Somerville | 79  | 84  | 90  | 89  | 84 434   |
|               |     |     |     |     | 1863     |

| U.S.S. TULSA |     |     |     |     |          |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
|              | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th Ttl. |
| J. A. Vasko  | 100 | 96  | 96  | 97  | 85 474   |
| W. H. Hofman | 83  | 78  | 111 | 92  | 81 445   |
| C. F. Drewes | 80  | 95  | 94  | 89  | 77 435   |
| W. F. Barney | 76  | 79  | 89  | 89  | 90 423   |
|              |     |     |     |     | 1777     |

Highest scorer for any player for the five games was H. Blount, who registered 498, or an average of 99.2 pins—almost 100 pins per game.

J. S. Landolt was second with 488 to his credit, or an average of 97 pins per game, and J. A. Vasko, close behind with 474 pins, or an average of 94.8 pins per game.

Highest score for any one game was made by Landolt, who made 119 in his second game and Hofman was second with 111 in his third game.

Average score per player for the Alley Team for the five games was 93 pins, and for the Tulsa boys, so it can be understood how very close the match was.

**CHAMPS BEAT TULSA**  
There was a good Ten Pin match (5-game) played on March 29, between the veteran Champs and Tulsa.

The match resulted in a win for the Champs by 174 pins, individual scores being:—

| CHAMPS         |     |     |     |     |          |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
|                | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th Ttl. |
| Ernie Hearther | 187 | 167 | 179 | 182 | 164 879  |
| Chas Miller    | 138 | 220 | 168 | 164 | 142 832  |
| Dick Venezia   | 146 | 178 | 177 | 146 | 146 793  |
| Doc Molthen    | 144 | 152 | 165 | 139 | 155 755  |
|                |     |     |     |     | 3259     |

| TULSA          |     |     |     |     |          |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
|                | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th Ttl. |
| F. Spenko      | 150 | 170 | 180 | 176 | 186 872  |
| Pete Peterson  | 167 | 128 | 161 | 120 | 162 747  |
| A. L. Schreier | 131 | 162 | 110 | 162 | 164 735  |
| E. J. Moore    | 148 | 120 | 126 | 156 | 181 731  |
|                |     |     |     |     | 3085     |

Ernie Hearther, as usual, was top scorer with 879, or an average of 176 per game, with F. Spenko a very close second with 872 in his bag or an average of 174 pins per game. Highest individual score of the match for any one game was made by Chas. Miller, who notched 220 in his second game. This was the only score of over 200 registered during the match!!! this is very unusual when these two experienced Ten Pin teams get together.

On the whole both teams bowled below their usual standard.

**EXCITING GAME**  
What was probably the most exciting Duck Pins match ever played in these Alleys, or any other Alley for that matter, took place in these Alleys on April 1. It was a friendly five-game Duck Pin encounter between Royal Signals and U.S.S. Tulsa, and resulted in a win for Royal Signals by 3 pins, the Royal Signals making 46 pins and Tulsa 43 pins in the extra frame that was necessary—at the end of five frames the scores were tied at 142.

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bowling alley before—certainly not in the Far East.

The individual scores including the extra frame played were as follows:—

| ROYAL SIGNALS        |     |     |     |     |          |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
|                      | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th Ttl. |
| Cpl. H. Blount       | 95  | 124 | 104 | 92  | 93 508   |
| Cpl. J. H. Watts     | 109 | 93  | 95  | 81  | 123 501  |
| L/Sgt. G. Somerville | 78  | 82  | 81  | 97  | 106 444  |
| Sgr. W. Mcdford      | 88  | 92  | 80  | 82  | 93 435   |
|                      |     |     |     |     | 1888     |

| U.S.S. TULSA       |     |     |     |     |          |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
|                    | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th Ttl. |
| C. T. Christiansen | 99  | 94  | 91  | 104 | 113 501  |
| W. H. Hofman       | 79  | 83  | 88  | 90  | 128 468  |
| J. A. Vasko        | 86  | 99  | 94  | 94  | 91 464   |
| O. F. Drewes       | 89  | 94  | 91  | 88  | 90 452   |
|                    |     |     |     |     | 1885     |

Even without the extra frame played to decide the winning team, I could not complain of the dearth of scores of over 100, for there was no fewer than eight registered, five being bagged by Royal Signals, and three by the Tulsa boys, the scores being as follows:—

For Signals: J. H. Watts, 123 and 109; H. Blount 124 and 104 and G. Somerville 106.

For Tulsa: W. H. Hofman 128 and C. T. Christiansen 104 and 113.

The standard of Duck Pin play in this match was particularly good, for even without the extra frame, the average score per player per game, basing the total pinnage for each team at 1842—the total of the 5 games played without the extra frame included—was 92 pins each per game; this is indeed good bowling.

At the end of the game Corp. Blount was top scorer with 508 to his credit, followed very closely for second place by Corp. Watts and C. T. Christiansen with 501 in their bags.

To appreciate how evenly matched the teams were it is interesting to follow the progress of each game. Signals were up 17 on the first game; in the second game they increased this lead to 38; in the third game they dropped four pins to still lead by 34 pins. They dropped another 24 on the fourth game, but still led by 10 pins!!! On the last and fifth game saw the scores tied.

In the extra frame each side played, Signals scored 46 and Tulsa 43.

A close match indeed—several of the players told me after the game that they felt at least 10 years older and were suffering from heart trouble!

**TULSA BEATEN AGAIN**

There was another very interesting five-game ten pin match played on April 2, being a return between the "Champs" and U.S.S. "Tulsa". Tulsa were without Al Schreier, and this no doubt was one of the reasons why they suffered a 392 defeat. Schreier's place was taken by J. T. Murphy, also of Tulsa.

The individual scores on this occasion were:—

| THE CHAMPS     |     |     |     |     |          |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
|                | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th Ttl. |
| Ernie Hearther | 180 | 219 | 213 | 180 | 191 983  |
| Doc Molthen    | 149 | 167 | 220 | 148 | 175 859  |
| Dick Venezia   | 174 | 192 | 178 | 121 | 138 803  |
| Chas Miller    | 164 | 150 | 158 | 133 | 163 768  |
|                |     |     |     |     | 3393     |

| U.S.S. TULSA  |     |     |     |     |          |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
|               | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th Ttl. |
| Pete Peterson | 130 | 170 | 156 | 181 | 191 828  |
| F. Spenko     | 141 | 180 | 148 | 169 | 172 809  |
| E. J. Moore   | 181 | 152 | 130 | 141 | 166 770  |
| J. T. Murphy  | 121 | 138 | 127 | 125 | 83 594   |
|               |     |     |     |     | 3001     |

Ernie Hearther played like the veteran he is, securing the highest score of the match, his effort was 983, or an average of 193 per game. It only required another strike or so to reach 1000, or 200 per game! Next highest score was made by Doc Molthen, his bag being 859, or an average of 172 per game. Had he not failed in his first and fourth games—he only made 149 and 148 respectively—he might have been somewhere near Hearther's score, as he actually chalked up the highest individual score for one game for the match—220 pins.

Pete Peterson was top scorer for Tulsa with 828 or an average of 166 per game, and Spenko, who is generally on top, was only second on this occasion with 809 or an average of 162.

Murphy's failure to register a higher score than 594 was no doubt due to the fact that he had never played for the ship's team before. Nevertheless I cannot understand his making the lowly score of 83 in his 5th game, when his average for the first four games was 125. A little more practise is required in Murphy's case, I think.

An offer to any player, of two books of tickets, containing 20 free games, for an aggregate score, for five games in a match, of 950 or an average of 190 pins and three books of tickets containing 30 free games to any player whose aggregate score for five games in a match is 1000, or an average of 200 pins per game, was won by Ernie Hearther in the above match, his score being 983, or an average of 193 pins per game.

A feature of this match was a wonderful shot by F. Spenko, of Tulsa. He had a very bad "Split", leaving Nos. 4, 7 and 10 pins standing, but he managed to get all down by going for No. 7 pin and sliding No. 4 pin over to take down No. 10 pin. An excellent shot and very hard to accomplish.

### EXCELLENT ARMY BOXING LAST NIGHT

By "REFEREE"

TWO AND A HALF HOURS of excellent sport was provided at Shamshupo last night when the Area Inter-Unit Boxing competition between Middlesex and Royal Scots was held and resulted in Royals winning by 23 points to 22.

The Competition was well attended, not only by the troops but by a large number of civilians who were well satisfied with the entertainment.

At the conclusion of the fights the prizes were distributed by His Excellency The General Officer Commanding, who complimented the Royal Scots for their magnificent win and paid particular mention to Sergeant Elliot for his fight against D. M. Holford. It was Elliot's last fight as he is giving up boxing.

Before the last bout, between Elliot of Royals and Holford of Middlesex, the two teams were on level points and it seemed fit that the honour of the two battalions should rest on two senior N.C.O.'s and this fight was, in addition to its importance to the result, a good scrap.

#### HARD BLOWS

The first round saw some good mixing in which both boxers gave and took hard blows. In the second round Holford landed a hard one on Elliot's body and missed a terrific swing. Elliot was showing good footwork and he too returned some hard blows to the face.

The last round saw both boxers going all out and in the closing stages, both were tired out.

After a short period of in-fighting, Elliot swung a hard one to the body and just missed another from Holford. Both were hitting out and exchanging blow for blow. Elliot bled about the mouth and both were hardly able to stand when the gong went.

The first fight between Bailey and Hope in the Bantam weight division was won by the former by a knock out in the third round. From the start Bailey was more aggressive and piled up points. In the second Hope covered well and Bailey could not do much. He returned some of the punishment received. In the last round Hope still covered up well but Bailey took the opportunity of an opening to send in a hard one to the body, Hope, winded, leaned on the ropes while Bailey landed further to the body. Hope dropped to the canvas for the K.O.

#### A SLUGFEST

The second fight between Corrigan and Noble was a regular slugfest, both

#### GEORGE ROSSELET'S FEAT

One of the latest players to become a member of the 200 Club, is incidentally, one of the youngest players in the Alleys, namely young George Rosselet. This kiddie, who is only 14 years of age, registered 203 on March 30, his effort being as follows:—

He made a strike on his first frame, a spare on his second a spare on his third, a strike on his fourth, spare on his fifth, then three strikes in succession, a spare on his ninth, to finish up with an eight on his tenth; this is really good going and I expect that in the future, I will have some interesting scores, made by this youngster, to report.

There was some very good Duck Pin scores put up by Mrs. E. Soong, and R. F. Pirard on April 3, which no doubt constitute a record for these Alleys. Mrs. Soong's effort was 104, 105, 110, 126, 93, and 80, or a total pinnage for the six games of 618, an average of 103 pins per game, and Pirard's scores were even better, for, in his six games, he registered 93, 105, 96, 119, 103 and 126, or a total of 642 pins, the average being 107 pins per game.

As I have mentioned in a previous "Jotting" to make 100 in a game at Duck Pins is difficult and requires good bowling.

The Duck Pin and Ten Pin records for the month of March were as follows:—

| DUCK PINS                 |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Ladies:—Mrs. J. Pastonji  | 117 |
| Men:—Mr. J. Chiffon       | 145 |
| TEN PINS                  |     |
| Ladies:—Mrs. E. Stevenson | 202 |
| Mrs. S. A. Ismail         | 202 |
| Men:—Mr. E. P. Hearther   | 205 |

Mr. Hearther therefore has his name engraved on the Watson's Shield, receives an engraved replica of same, a supply of Tiger Beer from Messrs. A. B. Watson and Company, and has his name inscribed on the Alley record board.

hitting often and hard, with Noble slightly in the lead at end of the first round.

One of the best fights of the evening was between McGready and Geist, second strings in the Welterweight division.

The first round was all hitting with Royal Scots getting some home. In the last round both boxers opened carefully and sparred for openings. Both went for the face. McGready missed an upward swing and could not do anything with his short jabs.

#### PERFECT ARRANGEMENTS

The arrangements were perfect. The programme went on without delay and the supporters well behaved throughout the bouts.

The following were the night's officials:—

Referee:—Major S. F. Hedgcoe.

Judges:—Capt. J. H. Brown and Capt. MacPherson.

Time Keeper:—Lt. Col. S. Hinchcliffe.

Hon. Secretary:—Lieut. N. H. Cuthbertson.

#### Results:—

Bantam-Weight:—Pte. Bailey (R.S.) knocked out Pte. Hope (Middlesex). Feather-Weight:—Pte. Corrigan (R.S.) beat Pte. Noble (Middlesex); Cpl. Brown (R.S.) lost to Cpl. Phillips (Middlesex).

Light-Weight:—Cpl. Barker (R.S.) lost to L/Cpl. Wilkey (Middlesex); L/Cpl. Wiseman (R.S.) lost to Pte. Gribble (Middlesex); Pte. Cavanagh (R.S.) beat L/Cpl. Williams (Middlesex).

Welter-Weight:—Pte. McGready (R.S.) beat Pte. Geist (Middlesex); Pte. Callagan (R.S.) lost to Pte. Eaton (Middlesex); Cpl. Ritchie (R.S.) beat L/Cpl. Wilson (Middlesex); Sgt. Elliot (R.S.) beat D/Mr. Holford (Middlesex).

Middle-Weight:—Bdms. Emerson (R.S.) lost to Cpl. McGrady (Middlesex); L/Cpl. Moore (R.S.) knocked out Pte. Roberts (Middlesex); Cpl. Cooper (R.S.) beat Pte. Bridle (Middlesex).

Light Heavy-Weight:—Pte. Marshall (R.S.) lost to Cpl. Fox (Middlesex).

Heavy-Weight:—Pte. Alexander (R.S.) lost to Pte. Moran (Middlesex).

### C.C.C. TEAM

Following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in a 1st Division League cricket match against Civil Service C.C. to-morrow, at 2.00 p.m. on the home ground:—

A. R. H. Esmail (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulse, A. K. Ismail, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, A. M. Omar, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza and J. L. Youngsaye.

Scorer—H. W. Randall; Umpire—G. Ladd.

#### H.K.C.C. TEAM

The following will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club against Kowloon Cricket Club to-morrow at Cox's Road:—T. A. Pearce, G. G. Aitkenhead, D. I. Bosanquet, D. G. Day, B. C. Fay, Surg. Comdr. Finnie, M. L. F. Haynes, H. Owen-Hughes, A. K. Mackenzie, J. L. C. Pearce and A. N. Other.

#### CIVIL SERVICE TEAM

The following will represent the Civil Service Cricket Club in League cricket to-morrow:

2nd XI v. I.R.C. (Home)—H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainall, G. P. Stone, T. L. Lockhart, A. Watson, R. G. Robertson, J. F. MacGowan, J. V. G. Mitchell, A. M. J. Wright, H. F. Harper, and F. E. Lawrence. Reserve:—A. F. Sheppard.

### K.F.C. BOWLS TEAM

The following will represent Kowloon Football Club in a friendly bowls match against Kowloon Cricket Club at Cox's Road at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow:

G. Frost, J. Dobson, P. Morgan and C. Downman (skip). B. Thomson, P. Young-husband, W. Simpson and J. C. Brown (skip). J. Gibson, J. Smalley, R. Hall and V. Attles (skip). G. Cross, C. Woodcock, R. Hughes and V. Chittenden (skip). Reserve:—C. Fuller and W. Graves.



# FOOTBALL REVIEW

(By "REFEREE")

**E**ASTERN won the Senior Shield competition last Sunday when they defeated the holders by the odd goal in five. On their display that day they fully deserved their success.

Eastern were the fitter team and though they were on the defensive for the greater part of the game their defence did well against the South China forwards.

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**S**EVERAL weaknesses were noticed in South China's team. Tam Kwan-kon in goal was not as reliable as usual though he brought off some good saves in the second period. He was badly at fault with the first goal. Mak Shui-hon was not fast enough against Eastern's left winger, while at left half Fook Yui-wah was not up to standard and felt the strain very badly.

Now in the "B" teams there are several players who could have filled these positions very ably and it is doubtful whether Eastern would have beaten such a team. Cheung Wing-choi is undoubtedly a better goalkeeper than Tam at present and Hau Yung-sang would be a better partner for Lee Ting-sang than Mak Shui-hon. Kwok Ying-kee and Lam Tak-po are two good halves in the "B" and

either would have been an improvement to Fook Yui-wah.

**T**IME was when South China had more good players than they could accommodate and that was primarily the reason why they entered two teams in First Division. The appearance of Kwong Wah in First Division has robbed them of several potential players.

The "B" team has not done very much this season though it still stands an outside chance of finishing runners-up.

It would be far better if South China entered only one team next year and so be in a position to call on all their players when required. At present the players are divided up at the beginning of the season into the two first division teams and vacancies during the season in either team must be filled by players from the junior teams.

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**I**T is true that in such a case other junior clubs would have little chance of winning the title as South China would then be too strong. The former first division players in their side playing in the junior division



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would probably improve the standard of play in this class of football.

**30TH R.A.** are to be congratulated on winning the Junior Shield against such a strong team as Engineers. They have shown consistently good form this season and have justified their promotion to Second Division.

**S**HIELD winners or no shield winners, Middlesex had their own ideas when they met Eastern on Wednesday to win convincingly by 3 goals to 1.

This was the best game Middlesex have played for some time and they were in excellent form. Bright played well in the defence, while in the forward line Riches and Pearson were prominent.

**KOWLOON** lost two valuable points against Eastern on Monday but Middlesex did them a good turn by trouncing Eastern on Wednesday. Kowloon have still a chance for the runners-up position; that is, if they

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**BADMINTON TOURNEY****P. H. WONG AND C. AU  
IN SINGLES FINAL***Eardley Outstroked, Goes Down Fighting***YONG COLLAPSES  
BADLY IN  
FINAL GAME**

By "ADREM"

IF THE CROWD AT KOWLOON Cricket Club on Wednesday night was large, it was no comparison to the huge throng which packed Club de Recreio last night for the semi-finals of the Colony singles badminton championships.

C. Au, of Chinese Y.M.C.A., beat H. Eardley, former Shanghai champion, by 15-10, 15-11 and his contemporary Patrick H. Wong beat K. L. Yong, of University, by 17-14, 15-3.

Main interest in the proceedings was concentrated on the showing of Eardley in his first serious test in local championship badminton. His opponent, Au, has already made his mark in the League and last year was runner-up to P. K. Hui in the final of the singles.

He started off very confidently last night and almost immediately found his touch. Eardley was bewildered with the cleverness of the Chinese player's game. Cunningly disguised drops from the baseline and beautiful disguise of direction had the Shanghai player on the wrong foot all the time and in a very short period Eardley was down 1-10.

He then changed his tactics and instead of trying to match Au's strokes, he concentrated on deep clearing shots up the middle of the court which gave Au less room in which to manoeuvre.

**EARDLEY REVIVAL**

These methods had their effect and Eardley started to score aces. His confidence returned and at one stage, when Au started to lose his accuracy, it appeared possible that he would save the game, in which event, there is little doubt, he would have won the match.

Once more, however, Au regained his touch and by deep clearing to his opponent's forehand corner, alternated by an accurate drop played on the forehand to the backhand, he once again started to reel off the points, eventually to go out at 15-10.

Having regard to Eardley's regained confidence and the fact that his reach and anticipation had saved him a great deal of running, I expected him to win the second game. At the outset it appeared that he would do so. Au could not beat him outright, what-

ever shot he attempted, and in consequence, started making a succession of errors which once again put Eardley right on top. He led 7-2 and increased his advantage to 9-3. Au looked, and probably felt, exhausted.

**AU NOT TAKING CHANCES**

The Chinese player was evidently not taking the chance of the match going the whole distance, however, and once again he started scoring, principally with the drop-shot mentioned earlier. He wiped off the deficit and took the lead for the first time at 11-10 at which stage it was obvious that Eardley had shot his bolt. Despite all the efforts of the former Shanghai player—and he never acknowledged a shot had beaten him—Au went out for game and match at 15-11.

Au's only fault last night was that he allowed himself to become over-anxious when for brief periods he lost control of the game. Consequence was his drop-shots just struck the top of the net and his smashes and drives barely cleared the sidelines.

His courtcraft was remarkable and he was scheming all the time. Although not powerfully built, he obtained great power in his clearing shots with his wrists and, as anticipated, it was his superiority at the short game which gave him the match.

Eardley was erratic when dealing with high drives to his backhand and there was little subtlety to his short game. His backhand clearing shots were made with remarkably little effort and a cross-court drive on the forehand and his smash gained him most of his points.

There were some periods when play became a trifle monotonous but it was an interesting game and thoroughly appreciated by the crowd.

**Classical Game**

The first game between Wong and Yong provided some of the most classical badminton seen this year. Wong was erratic at the outset but Yong brought some of his most delicate shots into operation almost immediately.

As the game advanced little advantage accrued to either side, both proving remarkably well-matched in the matter of strokes. Clever jockeying for the coup de grace and some really brilliant shots produced from losing positions kept the crowd in a great state of excitement.

With Yong making few errors but Wong offsetting his own mistakes with some really brilliant shots, the lead alternated until, in the final stages, Yong went to 14-12 and appeared to have the game in hand.

Wong, however, was not allowing the game to slip out of his grasp and he worked his opponent out of position brilliantly to obtain service with a powerful drive into the back-

**LEAGUE TABLES****MIXED DOUBLES DIVISION**

|             | P. | W. | L. | F. | A. | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Recreio "A" | 6  | 6  | 0  | 43 | 11 | 12  |
| St. John's  | 8  | 5  | 3  | 44 | 28 | 10  |
| University  | 7  | 5  | 2  | 44 | 19 | 10  |
| Recreio "B" | 7  | 3  | 4  | 35 | 29 | 6   |
| Talkoo      | 8  | 1  | 7  | 15 | 57 | 2   |
| K.C.C.      | 7  | 1  | 5  | 13 | 50 | 2   |

**"B" DIVISION**

|                | P. | W. | L. | F. | A. | Pts |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| King's College | 13 | 10 | 3  | 77 | 40 | 20  |
| St. John's     | 11 | 10 | 1  | 68 | 17 | 18  |
| St. Teresa's   | 11 | 7  | 4  | 51 | 43 | 14  |
| Recreio        | 8  | 6  | 2  | 41 | 35 | 12  |
| St. Andrew's   | 10 | 6  | 4  | 50 | 39 | 12  |
| Kowloon Tong   | 11 | 2  | 9  | 33 | 58 | 4   |
| K.C.C.         | 11 | 2  | 9  | 31 | 68 | 4   |
| V.R.C.         | 11 | 1  | 10 | 23 | 76 | 2   |

hand corner with Yong rushing over from the right.

**ANTI-CLIMAX**

Once he had levelled the scores it was inevitable that Wong should take the game, and so it transpired, although Yong fought every point to the bitter end.

The final game proved an anti-climax. Wong disguised his every shot so cleverly that Yong, already physically exhausted, gave up the unequal contest and made little effort to return anything that was not right on his racket.

**PANG PLAYS  
WELL  
AGAINST  
RUMJAHNS**

(By "ADREM")

Although beaten 6-4, 6-4, Pang Oi-lam and Leung Ping-chiu have no reason to be dissatisfied with their showing against the Rumjahn cousins on the Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday.

At certain stages they more than matched their opponents in crisp volleying duels and neither player allowed the reputation of the opposition to prevent him from going for the right shot at the right moment.

Pang was the better of the losers. He revealed a wide repertoire of strokes and never became flustered under pressure. Particularly impressive were a smash with which he scored numerous outright winners, and a powerful service. On the volley and off the ground he was reliable but in both departments the addition of a good deal of speed is obviously necessary.

Leung took on more of the work that his form warranted, appearing, for some reason, to have little confidence in his partner. His forehand drive was good, his backhand reliable, his volleying crisp and his lobbing accurate. His poaching left the partnership out of position on numerous occasions, however.

The Rumjahns were rather more erratic than usual but always appeared to have something in reserve.

**FAY AND PEARCE WIN**

Rumjahns led 5-1 in the first set but, playing really good aggressive tennis, the Chinese pair drew up to 5-4 before the Rumjahns were able to clinch the issue.

The second set was evenly contested and also went to the 'vantage game.

In another match, B. C. Fay and T. A. Pearce proved too steady for Marsland Ma and T. C. Chan and scored a good win by 6-4, 3-6 and 6-4.

**GOLF  
STARTING  
TIMES**

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning:—

**TO-MORROW****Old Course**

|           |                                   |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 2.08 p.m. | J. Owen Hughes, J. Fleming.       |
| 2.12 "    | P. M. Cotton, H. M. Rowland.      |
| 2.16 "    | L. Goldman, J. D. Ferrurier.      |
| 2.20 "    | A. McKellar, W. W. C. Shewan.     |
| 2.24 "    | Commodore MacGrigor, Major Giles. |

**SUNDAY****Old Course**

|           |                                          |
|-----------|------------------------------------------|
| 9.16 a.m. | Comdr. Holt, T. Megarry.                 |
| 9.20 "    | P. C. Jackson, R. J. K. Walker.          |
| 9.24 "    | J. T. Smith, L. R. Andrews.              |
| 9.28 "    | E. H. Williams, J. P. Murphy.            |
| 9.32 "    | E. G. Price, J. M. Pearson.              |
| 9.36 "    | F. Groves, F. A. Redmond.                |
| 9.40 "    | A. E. Lissaman, W. J. S. Key.            |
| 9.44 "    | A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.            |
| 9.48 "    | W. W. C. Shewan, N. K. Littlejohn.       |
| 9.52 "    | A. V. Greaves, Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins. |
| 9.56 "    | H. G. Sheldon, W. Hewitt.                |
| 10.00 "   | P. M. Cotton, H. M. Rowland.             |
| 10.04 "   | F. D. Hunter, E. T. McMullen.            |
| 10.08 "   | G. C. Workall, M. Pollock.               |
| 10.12 "   | W. Park, R. C. Stewart.                  |
| 10.16 "   | S. H. Dodwell, A. B. Purves.             |
| 10.20 "   | L. Jackson, C. W. E. Bishop.             |
| 10.24 "   | C. Finch, E. C. Norris.                  |
| 10.28 "   | G. Thomerson, J. Linaker.                |
| 10.32 "   | H. C. Margrett, H. A. Mills.             |
| 10.36 "   | H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.            |
| 10.40 "   | F. A. M. Elliott, E. L. Groome.          |
| 10.44 "   | K. S. Robertson, D. S. Edward.           |
| 10.48 "   | A. C. I. Bowker, J. R. Collis.           |
| 10.52 "   | A. H. Penn, S. A. Sleep.                 |
| 10.56 "   | T. Low, W. Sharp.                        |
| 11.00 "   | J. S. Dunnett, J. C. Taylor.             |
| 11.04 "   | R. P. Morris, Lt. Col. Holt.             |
| 11.08 "   | Capt. Thursby, X. Anderson.              |
| 11.12 "   | F. W. Foster, Col. Rose.                 |
| 11.16 "   | J. W. Mayhew, Major Williams.            |
| 11.20 "   | W. Bastin, F. C. Young.                  |
| 11.24 "   | E. W. J. Wedlock, A. G. James.           |

**New Course**

|           |                                  |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| 9.24 a.m. | H. F. and Mrs. Sommers.          |
| 9.32 "    | D. F. Hughes, J. B. Harrison.    |
| 9.36 "    | Mrs. Greaves, Mrs. Collis.       |
| 10.00 "   | P. E. Annis, H. H. Mundy.        |
| 10.04 "   | Lt. Cdr. Murray, J. W. Clague.   |
| 10.12 "   | Mrs. Park, Mrs. Stewart.         |
| 10.20 "   | H. F. Phillips, Major Curran.    |
| 10.24 "   | Mrs. Norris, Mrs. Finch.         |
| 10.32 "   | Mrs. Margrett, Mrs. Hunter.      |
| 10.36 "   | Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.      |
| 10.44 "   | Sir Vandeleur and Miss Grayburn. |
| 10.48 "   | F. B. Winter, Miss Vickers.      |
| 10.52 "   | E. Grimble, Mrs. Winter.         |
| 11.00 "   | Mrs. Low, Mrs. Sharp.            |
| 11.04 "   | Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Edward.     |
| 11.12 "   | H. V. Wilkinson, Mrs. Rose.      |
| 11.16 "   | Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Smalley.     |
| 11.20 "   | Miss Dodowell, Lieut. Greenway.  |
| 11.24 "   | Mrs. Wedlock, Mrs. James.        |

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**FOOTBALL REVIEW**

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win their remaining four games and Eastern lose one of their two remaining games, there will be a tie.

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WITH the exception of one game last Saturday rain again interfered with the soccer programme and as a result several games will have to be played during mid-week if the programme is to be completed as contemplated.

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FOLLOWING have been chosen to represent the Army in the Final of the Lai Wah Cup Competition against Combined Chinese on Sunday week: Duncan; Naysmith and Sheehan; Freshwater, Bright and Wilkinson; Hossack, Gordon, Fox, Fleming and Duffield.

Reserves—Moxham; Lawton, Guy, Saw and Martin.



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6.00 p.m.—Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado".  
Braid the Raven Hair....Beatrice Elburn (Soprano) and Chorus of Girls.  
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Brightly Dawns our Wedding Day....E. Griffin, D. Hemingway, D. Oldham and G. Baker.  
Here's A How-De-Do!....Elsie Griffin, Derek Oldham and Henry A. Lytton.  
Mi-Ya Sa-Ma....Bertha Lewis, D. Fancourt and Chorus.  
A More Humane Mikado....Darrell Fancourt and Chorus of Men.  
The Criminal Cried....A. Davies, H. A. Lytton, L. Sheffield and Chorus.  
See How The Fates....D. Fancourt, B. Lewis, A. Davies, H. A. Lytton, L. Sheffield.  
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6.28 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
6.30 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.  
Fox-Trots—With A Twinkle In Your Eye (film "The Gang Show"); That Song In My Heart (film "The Gang Show")....Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.  
Quickstep—Jazz Me Blues; Slow Fox-Trot—Cheerful Blues....Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins.  
Rumba—Buscando Millonaria; Tango—El Adios Del Boyero....Orquesta Tipica Roberto Firpo.  
Fox-Trot—Until To-morrow; Quickstep—Around and Round the Old Bandstand

Sydney Lipton & His Orchestra.  
Fox-Trots—A Melody For Two (from the film); September in the Rain (film "A Melody For Two")....Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.  
Waltzes—Would You (film "San Francisco"); My First Love Song (film "Queen of Hearts")....Roy Fox & His Orchestra.  
Fox-Trots—Who Loves You; Foolish Heart....Ronnie Munro & His Dance Orch.  
Slow Fox-Trots—Who Loves You; Foolish Heart....Ronnie Munro & His Dance Orchestra.  
Slow Fox-Trot—There's A Star In The Sky....Harry Saville & His Orchestra.  
Tango—The Tango of the "Mula"; Waltz—A Garden of Illusion....Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.  
Fox-Trots—Where Are You? (film "Top of the Town"); Carelessly....Roy Fox & His Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.02 p.m.—Tartini—Concerto in D Minor. Joseph Szigeti (Violin) with Orchestra.  
8.16 p.m.—Richard Strauss—Till's Merry Pranks, Op. 28. The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Fritz Busch.  
8.31 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) and E. O'Neill Shaw (Piano).  
1. (a) Una furtiva lagrima (from "Elisire d'amore"—Donizetti).  
(b) Nel verde maggio (from "Loreley"—Catalani).  
2. A Granada (Alvarez).  
...Gaston D'Aquino with Piano accomp.  
3. Quand il Pleut (Poushnoff).  
...E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

4. Two Neapolitan Songs  
(a) Chi se nne scorda cchiu (Bartolomeo).  
(b) Nnapulltanata (Mario Costa).  
5. Primavera (Tirindelli).  
...Gaston D'Aquino with Piano accomp.  
8.57 p.m.—D'Indy—Suite for Flute, Violin, Viola, Violoncello and Harp. Op. 91. Quintette Instrumental of Paris.  
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs".  
9.45 p.m.—Dance Music.  
Fox-Trots—Please Remember; On Longer Island....Jack Harris & His Orchestra.  
Waltz—The Whistling Waltz....Billy Reid & His Accordeon Band.  
One-Step—Amazon Goes A-Wooling.  
Fox-Trot—Glamour Girl....Jack Harris & His Orchestra.  
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Commentary on The Grand National, 1940 from Aintree.  
10.25 p.m.—Variety with Todd Duncan, Elisabeth Welch, Max Miller and The Hill Billies.  
Vocal—Little Mountain Cabin (Kennedy Carr); Pop-Eyed Pete....The Hill Billies.  
Comedian—Confessions of a Cheeky Chap (Miller)....Max Miller.  
Vocal—River God (from "The Sun Never Sets"—Cole Porter); Drums (from "The Sun Never Sets"—Carter & Leslie-Smith).  
...Todd Duncan with The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra.  
Comedienne—Haflem In My Heart (film "Big Fella"); One Kiss (film "Big Fella")....Elisabeth Welch with Orchestra.  
Vocal—The Hilly Billy Band (Al & Bo Harvey)....The Hill Billies.  
Comedian—Ophelia; Down In The Valley....Max Miller.

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The Principle of Anticipation, which we formulated some years ago, is well illustrated in to-day's hand. Put concisely, this principle means simply that before making any bid it is well to consider whether your partner's most likely response will make your future bidding problem simple or put you in an embarrassing predicament. Let's consider South's bidding:

North, Dealer  
North-South vulnerable  
♠ A K J 9 6 5  
♥ J 10 7 2  
♦ 4 3  
♣ K  
♠ 10 8 4  
♥ Q 8 3  
♦ K J 3  
♣ J 9 5 2  
N  
W  
E  
S  
♠ Q 7 3  
♥ A K 9 8 4  
♦ Q 10 5 3  
♣ A  
♠ 2  
♥ 5  
♦ A 9 7 8  
♣ Q 10 8 7 6 4 3

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♠ 2♥ 3♣ Pass  
3♠ Pass 4♣ Dbl.  
Pass Pass Pass

If East had passed over North's opening spade bid, South's problem would have been simple, two clubs being the only possible response. But East's two-heart overcall should altered matters, for now even if South passed, his partner would be given the opportunity to make another bid if he so desired. Therefore, South's three-club bid was freely volunteered, and at this rather high level should have showed substantial values, especially as North would now be called upon to make another bid. But South was not prepared for his partner's spade suit, the could his long broken club suit stand on its own feet, South therefore should have passed two hearts and all future

trouble would have been avoided. However, things would still have turned out all right if South had passed three spades. But now he thought: "I've placed my partner in a terrible contract which he obviously cannot make and must therefore rebid my club suit and hope that everything turns out for the best." South's bid of four clubs received its just reward. West doubled, and when the smoke of battle lifted, it was found that the contract was defeated 800 points!

Yesterday, as Merwin Maier's partner, you held:

♠ x x x  
♥ A x  
♦ K J x  
♣ A K Q 10 x

The bidding:

Maier Burnstone You Schenken  
Pass Pass 1♣ Pass  
1♥ 1♠ 2♣ Pass  
5♣ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid six clubs. Your partner's triple raise was a Slam invitation. His hand should contain, in addition to a good heart suit, at least four trumps, a side Ace and not more than one spade loser (probably a singleton.)  
Score 100% for six clubs, 40% for pass.

QUESTION NO. 376

Both sides are vulnerable and the opponents have 60 on score. You are Howard Schenken's partner and hold:

♠ A x x  
♥ A J x  
♦ Q x x  
♣ J x x

The bidding:

Schenken Jacoby You Burnstone  
Pass 1♣ Dbl. Pass  
2♠ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's tennis programme. Match between Fincher and Hung, and Hyde and Ferguson has been postponed as Hung is ill:—

OPEN DOUBLES

Wong Fook-nam and Lam Kwan v. J. Gonsalves and A. V. Remedios (8).

HANDICAP SINGLES

G. C. Burnett (—15) v. A. K. Mackenzie (+2/6) or E. Zulauf (—15) (7).

HANDICAP DOUBLES

A. Lade and G. W. Sowell (—5/6) or W. G. Harvey and A. R. Barwell (scr.) v. T. A. Pearce and F. D. Hunter (—3/6) or C. N. D. Walker and E. L. Taverner (scr.) (2).  
V. R. Gordon and H. J. Armstrong (—15) v. R. K. Valentine and L. M. S. Lloyd

"Y" HOCKEY WIN

Y.M.C.A. seniors won a very scrappy hockey encounter at King's Park yesterday when they beat University by the only goal scored by Pennington in the first half.

"Y" LADIES TEAM FOR TO-MORROW

Following will represent "Y" Ladies in the Brawn Cup game against Argonauts of C.B.A. ground at 3.00 p.m.:  
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HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

D. G. G. Allen and Miss J. Purkis (scr.) or C. B. and Mrs. Nicholson (—3/6) v. J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Churchill (—15/2) (4).

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 8th day of April, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

**PARTICULARS OF THE LOT**

| No. of Sale | Registry No.                 | Locality                                                         | Boundary Measurements |     |     |     | Contents in Square feet | Annual Rental | Upset Price     |
|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
|             |                              |                                                                  | N.                    | S.  | E.  | W.  |                         |               |                 |
| 1           | Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4239. | Junction of Ma Tau Chung Road and Ma Tau Kok Road, Ma Tau Chung. | ft.                   | ft. | ft. | ft. | As per sale plan        | About 3,720   | \$42<br>\$2,750 |

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## JAPAN AND U.S. MANOEUVRES

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

THE UNITED STATES NAVY WAR GAMES IN THE PACIFIC ARE THE SAME AS BRANDISHING A BIG SWORD NEAR JAPAN AND ARE "INFLUENCING JAPANESE SENTIMENT," ACCORDING TO A JAPANESE NAVAL AUTHORITY.

With reference to a possible British blockade in the Pacific, he said that Japan will oppose such a procedure.

The Sea of Japan was not really Japanese waters, but it was actually looked on as a Japanese lake and the Japanese Government will object to an extension of the European war into Far Eastern waters.—Reuter.

## THE "WAR DICTATOR"

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL'S NEW APPOINTMENT BRINGS HIM THE TITLE OF "WAR DICTATOR" IN NAZI PRESS HEADLINES, WHICH INFER THAT HE WILL ADOPT NEW STEPS TOWARDS "RUTHLESS WARFARE."

Responsible Berlin circles feel that his new appointment is an endorsement of the belief that the Allies will wage war "with all means at their disposal against all nations not in the Allied camp."

The Cabinet reshuffle is taken to mean that Britain intends to starve Germany by blockade and coerce the neutral nations.

The Berlin press has done the new

## 20,000,000 ON RELIEF IN CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

THE NATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE YESTERDAY PUBLISHED A REPORT OUTLINING THE WORK OF 23 PROVINCIAL SUB-COMMITTEES, 534 MUNICIPAL AND VILLAGE COMMITTEES IN SEVEN DISTRICTS AND 18 HEADQUARTERS OF RELIEF WORK.

It also mentions 285 "emergency relief for air raid bureaux" which directly depend on the National Committee.

The total refugees receiving relief amount to over 20,000,000, while over 200,000 children are being given help and instruction.

The committee has opened 12 factories employing refugees and has assisted over 80,000 refugees to find agricultural work.—Havas.

## DEATH PENALTY FOR "RED" PROPAGANDISTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Home Minister, M. Henry Roy, will shortly submit for President Lebrun's signature a decree providing the death penalty for any person convicted of preparation of or stocking propaganda material for the Third International.

On the other hand, concentration camps now located in the Paris district will shortly be transferred to North Africa.—Havas.

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Mr. Holt also said that Mr. Cordell Hull would have gone further, if he had not been restrained, in his recent rebuke to Mr. James Cromwell, the United States Minister to Canada.—Reuter.

Honolulu, To-day.

The R.M.S. Mauretania has arrived at Honolulu. The Mauretania left New York on March 20.—Reuter.

As he laid the Standing Law Committee's report on the table of the Legislative Council this afternoon, the Attorney-General said that since the report was finished, certain representations had been made about another clause, Clause 24. The matter is now being studied by Government.

He understood that the report will be gone into by the Committee of the whole Council at the next meeting.

Clause 24 is concerned with clubs and similar institutions and trade associations or chambers of commerce.

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